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Nostradamus:

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The Middle East, Russia and America in Prophecy

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Preface

This book is about national and global prophecy that will impact on all mankind in the coming months and years. I have researched history and prophecy for many years and observed national and international trends and events. From my analysis, I see approaching chemical, biological, nuclear warfare and other disasters so gruesome that they will shock our entire being into a state of numbness. These events are approaching rapidly and the signs are everywhere. Will we be prepared when they strike? Could a nuclear device explode in America? The answers are within these pages.

The symptoms of the worse to come permeate our society and the entire world. We have had the bombing of the World Trade Center in New York City, the complete destruction of the federal building in Oklahoma City with over 200 people dead, violent floods that ravages the Midwest and the West coast; earthquakes that topple expressways full of cars; and forest fires burning out of control, igniting thousands of homes, and devastating tens of thousands of acres.

On the international scene, the picture is even grimmer. There is the disappearance of nuclear weapons from the former USSR, it is believed that some Russian nuclear scientists are working for certain countries in the Middle East; Syria is stockpiling more chemical weapons, recently obtained from Russia; many still feel that Iraq is a major threat to the region. Recently, Iran received three submarines from Russia and the experts think that Iran is

developing a nuclear capability. Also, the experts say the Iran is a danger to the region and the world because of its policy to export revolution. Still yet, there is the Israeli – Palestinian issue. Although the Israelis and the Palestinians signed a peace accord in January of 1997, both nations are on a collision course of war, simply, because both sides want all of Israel and the city of Jerusalem as their capitol. These symptoms are only the coughs just before the onset of critical Pneumonia. Even though our future looks gloomy, towards the end of this book, I give some corrective measures for mankind to take in order for us to prevent or at least lessen the impact of some of the future catastrophes.

In this book you will find a variety of subjects. There is information about the history of the Middle East, an analysis of the modern conflict in the Middle East, prophecies about the tension in this region; current events of the collapse of the Soviet Union and her prominent role she will play in future Near East crises. There are Biblical prophecies by Jeane Dixon, the Hopi Indians, Edgar Cayce, the Grand Gallery of the Great Pyramid and Nostradamus. Many of the prophecies that I use are the works of Nostradamus. As far as I am concerned, Nostradamus is the master of the Medieval/Renaissance prophets.

He wrote his prophecies mostly in the French language intermixed with some Latin and Greek words. In addition, he wrote some anagrams. The reason he used some Greek, Latin and anagrams was to confuse his accusers and enemies who were unlearned in metaphysics. Nostradamus feared that they would turn him over to the inquisitions.

He wrote one thousand quatrains (four line verses). Nostradamus divided these quatrains into ten parts called centuries; each century has one hundred quatrains. When I quoted a quatrain in my text, I placed the source of the century and quatrain at the end of the quotations. The source of the quotations will look like this, "X.26," this means the tenth century and the twenty- sixth quatrain. In my book, I only quoted the most important quatrains that applied to the 20th century. If my readers would like to acquire a complete list of all one thousand quatrains of Nostradamus including his epistles and biography, I recommend the book by Edgar Leoni, called Nostradamus and His Prophecies.

The full name of our prophet is Michel Nostradamus born in 1503 at Saint-Re'my in Provence, France. He was the descendant of Jews, allegedly from the tribe of Issachar. His family converted to Catholicism before he was born and he was raised in the church. During his early years and beyond, he received his education from his father and grand father. Living with his grandfather, he received education in mathematics, Greek, Latin, Hebrew, Astrology, Astronomy, and Philosophy. Also, he studied medicine at the University of Montpellier. He finally married and had several children. Then he lost his family. After this painful lost, he secluded himself and dedicated his life to the occult and Astrology. Ultimately, Nostradamus became the court Astrologer to the King of France and published his works. Finally, he died in 1566 after living sixty-three years on the earth plain.

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Introduction

Before the close of 1994, Saddam Hussein dispatched his army near the area of Kuwait. The world wondered was there going to be a repeat of August 2, 1990, when his troops invaded Kuwait the first time. The Middle East has been engaged in military conflict eight times since the establishment of the State of Israel. When President Bush assembled almost 500,000 American soldiers and deployed them to Kuwait, this was the first time that the U.S. fought a major war in the Middle East. Does this mean that America will become more and more engaged in wars in this part of the world?

When we consider the factors of the rise of extreme religious fanaticism, terrorism by some fundamentalist groups, the importance of the economics of oil, the rapid massive build-up of arms and military expansionism, we have a powerful case for the probability for a nuclear war in the Middle East in the near future. Moreover, the "Iraq/Iran war (1980-89)" left many important chronic issues unanswered and unresolved. "After the Gulf War of 1991, the coalition forces led by the United States neglected to remove Saddam Hussein from power. Many countries in the region such as Iraq and Iran are rushing with great speed to acquire nuclear weapons. These two countries and others have tens of billions of dollars in oil income, and with this amount of capital, they can buy anything they want. We need to be concerned about our near future in view of the following occurrences: (a) the policy of some important clerics in Iran to export religious militant fundamentalism to other countries; (b) the

advocacy of vehement anti-western statements, the rise of global terrorism, including the bombing of the World Trade Center in New York City.

Shakespeare said: "the world is a stage and all men are actors..." The world stage is being set for something. This is evident when we consider the break up of the former USSR, racial and religious bigotry on most continents, worldwide terrorism, the spiraling arms race, the greed for money and power, the increase in the crime rate, the breakdown of the family unit, and promiscuous sex by adults and teenagers. Universal unseen forces seem to be trying to tell us that something is wrong. Where are we headed and what can the world expect in the near future? Are we on the verge of global destruction in this atomic age or will mankind have a change of heart that will lead to peace and brotherhood?

I shall attempt to answer these questions and more in the coming pages. In exploring natural disasters, social unrest, international crises, and the likelihood of World War III, I shall approach and analyze this subject from the perspective of current events, historical data, paranormal facts and information collected from the ancient prophets including the sixteenth century prophet Michel Nostradamus.

Nostradamus wrote about the destruction of an American city by a nuclear bomb. He localized this city near the 45° latitude and referred to it as the "*new city*." Many scholars think that Nostradamus was referring to New York City. This is interesting because New York is not far from 45° latitude.

Furthermore, Nostradamus wrote over and over again about the destruction of certain parts of Europe by an Eastern power. Is there a connection between the unrest in the Balkans (Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia) and the beginning of World War III? I think so. Let us not forget that World War I began in the Balkan area by the assassination (in Serbia, 1914) of the Archduke Ferdinand of Austria; and this led to a chain of events in which America, ultimately, got entangled.

A nuclear attack on an American city or on an European city by an Eastern power would plunge mankind into World War III. Who would initiate such a gruesome attack and when? The answer to this question and other related facts is the subject of this book. Nostradamus, Jeane Dixon and some other writers reveal that this war will commence around the year two thousand. I have information that this war will begin much sooner; the date and the name of the aggressors will be revealed in these pages.

Now, before I give you a wide future view of World War III and its impact on our current generation, I shall deviate somewhat and give you some background information concerning what will contribute to the cause of this war.

Chapter I

Part 1

The Middle East Caldron The Background

The Middle East is the flash point for World War III because of the following reasons: Most Arabs have not really accepted the existence of the State of Israel. The West is seen as the enemy of the Arabic world. Many of the terrorist attacks originate from the Middle East. Saddam Hussein believes that he is the modern King Nebuchadnezzar¹ and that Iraq should be the leader of the Arab world against the Western imperialists. Iran, the neighbor of Iraq, believes its destiny is to fight the satanic West. Over 50% of Europe's oil is imported from the Arab countries. There is great fear in Europe that if an international crisis develops in the Middle East, her oil lifeline would be in jeopardy. Most wars are caused more by economics than any other reason. In view of this analysis, anyone can perceive that no other region has the greatest potential for World War III than the Middle East.

When we place the Middle East under careful scrutiny, it is obvious that this region is an ongoing boiling pot leading up, no doubt, to World War III. This region is like a potential earthquake that has many smaller tremors before the big one. In order to understand where the Middle East is going, it is important to know some background knowledge of this region.

As far back as 1500 B.C., parts of the Middle East have been conquered by the Egyptians, Elamites, Syrians, Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Christian crusaders from various parts of Europe, the Mongols, the Turks, the British, and the French. Because the Arabic nations are prominent in this book, I shall give you some information of their beginning.

Before the Arab armies pushed out of Arabia in the 7th century A.D., the majority of the people in the Middle East were Christians. The capitol of this Christian Empire was the city of Constantinople in what is now western Turkey. This Christian Empire was called Byzantium, it stretched from Greece and Turkey to Mesopotamia, and from the Caspian Sea to North Africa. After the destruction of the ancient City of Jerusalem, the Judeans (Jews) became scattered throughout the Middle East and beyond.

The Arabs, fired up by the teachings of Mohammed, marched out of Arabia and attacked other states such as: Syria, Palestine, Mesopotamia (Iraq), in 637 A.D.; Persia in 637A.D., Turkey and Egypt, in 642 A.D.; and pushed across North Africa. Everywhere they went, they converted the people to the religion of Islam. Many accepted the Islamic religion willingly; some did not. When the Arabs came to Jerusalem (635 A.D.-640 A.D.), they found the Christians there and a few Jews. They let the Christians keep their community and holy shrines. On the Temple Mount, (where Solomon's temple stood) they constructed two Muslim shrines: one called the Dome of the Rock and the other called the Al Aqsa Mosque.

Everywhere the Arabs conquered, they absorbed the knowledge of the indigenous people and expanded it to greater and loftier heights. They became masters in medicine, mathematics, chemistry, biology, history, geography, architecture, philosophy, and navigation just to name a few. Much of this knowledge the Arabs and Moors carried to Europe when they conquered Portugal, Spain, and southern France, beginning in the eighth century. Later, the Muslim Turks carried this knowledge to south-eastern Europe (the Balkan states) in the 15th, 16th, and 17th centuries. Our numeral system is derived from the Arabs and Moors; if it wasn't for them, we would be using the more difficult Roman numbers such as: V, X, L, and C.

The Crusaders

In the year 1095 A.D., Pope Urban II convened a council of European notables including the clergy. After he took care of clerical affairs, he painted a dismal picture of the desolation of the holy Christine shrines, lamenting sadly, the suffering of the Christians of Palestine. The listeners were so stirred by his passionate revelation that they said immediately, let us arm ourselves and depart, it is the will of God.

People from many parts of Europe departed for Palestine [even women and children]. They went to liberate Palestine, as they said, from the infidel Muslims. The crusaders formed three armies led by Robert of Normandy, Godfrey of Bouillon and Count of Toulouse.

They arrived in Palestine, defeated the Muslims, and established a Christian Kingdom in the year 1099. They proclaimed Godfrey King, but he was satisfied with the title of the Baron of the Holy Sepulchre. There were many crusades and Godfrey participated in the first one.

One of the great personalities of the third crusade was Richard the Lion-hearted. The crusaders established a number of Christian states in Palestine, such as: Acre, Tyre, and Jerusalem. Of the hundreds of thousands of crusaders that came to Palestine, most of them remained there and only ten percent returned to Europe. King Richard I of England, known as the Lion-hearted, was accompanied by Frederick Barbarosa of Germany and King Phillip II of France in 1189 A.D. Richard assisted other Christians in the capture of Acre in 1191 A.D., and he recaptured Jaffa from the great Saladin, who was ruler of Egypt and Syria.

The total number of crusades that marched against the Muslims in Palestine were eight and the most colorful sagas were derived from the third crusade which the Saladin of Egypt plays a major role. The Saladin was the son of a Kurdish general named Ayyub who was in the service of the sultan of Mosul in northern Iraq. At this time, Iraq waged war with Egypt and in 1171 A.D., the Fatimid Dynasty of Egypt came to an end under the victory of the Saladin. Not long after this, he conquered Syria, made himself ruler, and attacked the Christians in Palestine. Finally, he defeated the Christians north of Tiberia and conquered the City of Jerusalem, but was not able to take Tyre. The Saladin, who was of Kurdish descent, eventually became the sultan of Egypt and Syria.

It is interesting that Saddam identifies himself with Nebuchanezzar, the ancient conqueror of the Middle East and the Jews. I wonder does he identify with the Saladin, who was a Kurd. It could be said that the Saladin fought the European invaders, the crusades, and liberated Jerusalem for the Muslims. Saddam has persecuted and murdered thousands of Kurds during his presidency. I terminate the events about the crusades by stating that the ecclesiastics in Europe used religion to incite the masses against Islam resulting in eight crusades. In addition to the crusades, the Seljuk Turks ruled parts of Mesopotamia and Iran during the eleventh and twelfth centuries. The Mongols entered Iraq around 1258 A.D. and destroyed the Abbasid Caliphate of Baghdad. The Mongol continued westward to Palestine and they were annihilated by the Egyptians in 1260 A.D. at a place called Ain Jalut. By the end of the 16th century, the Turks had captured most of the Balkans and under Suleiman, the Magnificent, the Ottoman Turks captured Armenia, Azerbaijan, the North African coast and Baghdad between (1520-66 A.D.).

The Ottoman Turks

The Turks ruled parts of Asia, Africa, and Europe for about four hundred years. There were rapes, exploitations, brutalities, and the taking of the inhabitants into slavery. One example was the Turkish Janissary Corps. This corps consisted of six year old Albanian boys captured from other Balkan states and taken to Turkey and converted to Islam. The corps at first was an elite palace guard, but later expanded into infantry units for the besieging of walled

cities. But, the Turks were known not only for conquest, they were great administrators, constructing many great roads, irrigation of channels, mosques, universities, cities and railroads. The Sultan Abdul Hamid protected the Circassian Muslims in the Caucasus region of Russia and permitted many to resettle in the Ottoman provinces of Syria, Jordan, and Iraq.

From the beginning, the Ottoman Empire was ruled by a sultan. The first ruler who began conquests after 1342 A.D. was Othman, and the Ottoman Empire was named after him. The Ottomans divided their empire into vilayets (provinces) and the wali or military governor ruled each province. In addition, the provinces were subdivided into sanjaks or districts. When the Turks ruled Mesopotamia or Iraq, the country called Kuwait didn't exist. The word Kuwait means *fort* and it began as a trading post. Some members of the Anaiza tribe, from the interior of Arabia, travelled northeast to the Gulf around 1700 A.D. The present day Sabah ruling dynasty dates from the middle 1750's when these new comers of Kuwait appointed a sheikh to handle their affairs, provide security and represented them in their dealings with the Ottoman Turks. The Turks governed Kuwait and all of the east coast of Arabia, as far south as Qatar and to the west extending about one hundred miles. In addition, Kuwait and the adjacent areas came under the jurisdiction of the Turkish governor of Basra, Iraq. The British entered this region first as the traders then later as colonist.

After the defeat of the Central Powers (Germany and the Ottoman Empire) in World War I, the League of Nations gave Great Britain and France the mandate over

the former Turkish possessions in the Middle East. France received Lebanon and Syria, and Great Britain acquired Palestine, Jordan, Iraq, and parts of Arabia. Great Britain was grateful to Hussein's ibn Ali, the Sharif of Mecca, for his participation in the war against Turkey; as a result of this, England permitted Hussein's two sons to be kings. Faisal became king over Iraq and Abdullah became king over Transjordan, later called Jordan. As most world powers do, Great Britain drew up new boundaries in the Middle East and separated the small town of Kuwait from Iraq in 1921; she did this so that she would have a small oil rich country dependent upon her.

Just to the north, Kuwait's neighbor Iraq, was placed under British mandate in 1921, and received its independence in 1932. In 1952, Faisal II became king of Iraq; oil production continued to increase, and large sums of money flowed out of the country. Six years later Jordan and Iraq merged their two nations. The Western World tried to determine what impact this would have on future developments in this area, as a result of this alliance. However, in 1958, the army seized power in Iraq and the Super Powers were shaken up because General Kassim threatened to invade Kuwait. When the United States, Britain and France sent military forces to Kuwait to protect their oil interest, General Kassim decided that the fight wasn't worth it and backed down.

Saddam, The Baathist

Saddam Hussein is the leader of the Baathist political party in Iraq. Born in a village near Tikrit in northern

Iraq, at the age of 20, Saddam Hussein joined the Baath Party. This party was first organized in Syria in 1947; and the word means Arab Renaissance Socialist Party. The slogan of the party is meaningful and interesting and it is: "*One Arab Nation, One Eternal Message.*" The Baath Party began to emerge significantly in 1959 when the young officers corps, in cooperation with the Baath made an attempt on the life of General Kassim. Saddam was one of the hit men but he missed. By 1963, the Baath made another attempt to gain power and overthrew General Kassim in collaboration with various army officers. Kassim was opposed by officers who believed in the doctrine of one Arab world. Col. Salem Arif became president, but in 1966 was killed in an auto accident. Thereafter, his brother Maj. General Rahman Arif remained in power until his expulsion by the Baath Party in July 1968. In addition, Michel Aflaq recommended the promotion of Saddam Hussein to the inner circle of the Baath Party leadership. In 1966, Saddam originated the party's secret police and when Ahmad Hassan Al-Bakr became President and Chairman of the RCC, (Revolutionary Command Council) Saddam became the number two leader. By 1972, he nationalized the Iraq Petroleum Company and was the real power behind the government. Iraq and Iran reached an agreement in 1975, whereas Iran agreed to stop supporting the Kurds, and Iraq agreed to share half of the Shatt-al-Arab waterways with Iran. In 1979, Ahmad Al-Bakr resigned and Saddam became the president. He consolidated his power and attacked Iran.

Part 2

The Iraq - Iran War 1980 - 1988

There was more than one cause for the war between Iraq and Iran. There is the old dispute over the Shatt-al-Arab waterway which divide southern Iraq from Iran. Another is that Iraq became bitter over Iran's support of Kurdish rebels in Iraq. Yet, another cause is that Iraq claims that the land east of the Shatt has always been Arab. But, one of the major causes undoubtedly, was that Saddam considered Iran's revolution of 1979 to have been a threat to his nation.

Ayatollah Khomeini was the main religious leader who spoke out against brutality of the Shah in his country of Iran, which is mostly Shi'ite Muslims. The Shah of Iran exiled Khomeini from Iran in 1964. Then, he lived in exile in Turkey, Iraq and France. From France, he continued his attacks against the regime of the Shah, speaking out on cassette tapes, writing books and his influence was felt in many quarters, especially in Iran. His impact became so powerful that the Shah had to abdicate, and fled the country in 1979 because of the massive demonstrations against his worsening economic policy and repression. Khomeini returned to Iran on February 1, the same year and soon thereafter, declared the establishment of an Islamic republic on April 1.

ancient mythology and astrology Mars is the god of war, and during this period, it will influence the minds of men towards war. Also, Nostradamus wrote that a year without an eclipse is peaceful.⁷ Now, according to the astrologer, Mary Devin, there was a solar eclipse on January 9, 1997.⁸ In numerology, every primary number is ruled by one of the planets and the number nine(9) has the energy vibration of Mars,⁹ the planet of war. What does all this mean? It means there will be a proclivity towards war this year and after. Now, in the following pages, I shall give you additional information about what other psychics have to say about world events.

Jeane Dixon and Her Prophecies

Jeane Dixon, the renown, clairvoyant, psychic has been known for more than forty years. She made predictions about many world leaders and international events. She gave details of the assassination of the Kennedy brothers and others. It is my intention, to give you some highlights only of her predictions as they relate to those of Nostradamus, Edgar Cayce, my own, and a few others.

In the last chapter of her book, Jeane Dixon wrote of wars, disasters, plagues, and "earth quakes" as did Nostradamus. "More battles, bloodshed, massacres, misery, and pestilence will continue until 1995, a time of turmoil and uneasy peace will last until about 1999,"¹⁰ she wrote. She goes on to explain that the center of the conflict will be in the Middle East and that Western European nations (with headquarters in Rome) will attack the

Russian forces. She even says that the American Coastal cities will be bombed by MIRV missiles. Then, she said that the new Roman leader will defeat the Russians.

Jeane Dixon on China

Then around the year 2005, Mrs. Dixon said that the other communist giant will be on the move. By this time, China will have accomplished its program of industrialization and will be speculating about global domination. She said that China will engage in battles until the year 2020. Then there will take place the great apocalyptic battle. She said the Mongolian people will overrun Asia quickly.

Finally she said, the Chinese will be stopped when the European nations rain down nuclear bombs on them. Then, "the Roman leader is hailed as savior, messiah, and god. He is in reality the Antichrist or "beast,"" she said. She points out that beast or Roman leader, at this time, is in control of the world but after the year 2020 he disappears and righteousness prevails in the world. At this time, she said, we shall be in those days mentioned in the second chapter of the book of Isaiah when many people will go up to the temple in Jerusalem to seek the Creator, God. She continues, "instead of the dirty, blighted cities of the past, I see in the new world great bright, shining centers of religion, learning, commerce, and art."

Just as Khomeini spoke out against the regime of the Shah, likewise, he did against Iraq. He summoned the majority Shi'ite population in Iraq to rise up and evict the unjust government of Saddam Hussein. In addition, the Iranians supported the Shi'ite Da'wa Party which was waging terroristic attacks throughout Iraq, and Iran advocated the establishment of an Islamic state. These words and other statements worried Saddam and he decided he would strike first and on September 22, 1980 his military invaded Iran. The war lasted eight long years and the Western Power supplied arms to both sides, costing tens of billions of dollars. The war was so horrible that it left many soldiers and civilians absent of arms and legs; moreover, the casualties amounted to a million people.

At the end of the war, a country with only about 17,000,000 people, Iraq was left with a huge war debt; she owed more than thirty billion dollars to her creditors for arms, medical supplies and food; in spite of the fact that she exported some large quantities of oil. But her southern oil terminal in the area of the city of Basra suffered tremendous destruction during the war. About a million shells exploded here; storage facilities and oil pipelines laid in ruins. Iraq had other exports such as dates, but the war destroyed that enterprise of more than 30,000,000 valuable trees. Reconstruction was urgently needed and that required a lot of capital. Iraq found herself in a desperate financial situation. Where could she turn? The little country of Kuwait became her answer and victim.

There is no doubt that the demolition of Iraq's oil facilities in the South was one of the main causes of the Kuwaiti crisis. With much of Iraq's food imported and

paid for by the export of oil, she had to reduce overseas debts. Saddam and his inner circle reasoned that the best way to obtain this capital was to get Kuwait to cut the production of oil; as a result, this would force up the price of oil thereby, increasing his oil income. Saddam massed troops on the Kuwaiti border and instructed Kuwait to cut production, and when the Kuwaiti government refused, Iraq invaded on August 2, 1990. Because of this invasion, the United Nations got involved.

President Bush sent a communique' to Iraq asking that the country withdraw its troops and the United Nations drafted a resolution which instructed Iraq to withdraw its troops by January 15, 1991 or the United Nations' forces would attack. Gradually, the UN forces were being organized and dispatched to Arabia just in case Saddam didn't withdraw. When the deadline came and passed and Iraq hadn't withdrawn its troops, the UN coalition forces consisting of twenty-eight nations led by the United States, attacked Iraq and its ground forces in Kuwait. Many of the UN forces consisted of troops from Muslim countries such as: Turkey, Syria, Egypt, Morocco, Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. This was the second time that American, French, and British military forces were deployed in the Gulf to counteract Iraqi threats of invasion; the first time was in 1961 and it probably will not be the last. In less than two months after the war began, President Bush announced on February 27, that Kuwait had been liberated and in early April of the same year, the UN announced formally, a permanent end to the Gulf War, as of that date. But, we must not forget that Saddam was left in power with a sizable quantity of his armaments in tact.

Prophecies of the Hopi Indians

The Hopi Indians are located in the southwest part of the United States. They have maintained their traditions and history for thousands of years. The following are some of their prophecies:

World War III will be started by those people who first received the light, (the divine wisdom or intelligence) in the other old countries, (India, China, Egypt, Palestine, Africa).

The people in the United States will be destroyed by an atomic bomb and radioactive fallout.

Only the Hopis and their homeland will be preserved as an oasis, which refugees will flee. Bomb shelters are a fallacy. It is only materialistic people who seek to make shelters. Those who are at peace in their hearts already are in the great shelter of life. "There is no shelter for evil. Those who take no part in the making of world division by ideology are ready to resume life in another world, be they of the Black, White, Red, or Yellow race. They are all one, brothers."¹³

Prophecies of Edgar Cayce

He was known as the sleeping prophet because he diagnosed many problems of sick people while he was under hypnosis. While he was under hypnosis, he revealed many of the events of the past and future. Cayce lived most of his life during the early part of this century helping others, and died around 1945.

Concerning the prophecies of Cayce, I shall deal with those pertaining to earthquakes, volcanoes, floods and other

earth transformations. He predicted earthquakes along the Western and Eastern coast of America. On the East Coast, he mentioned New York and Connecticut in particular. There is a fault in the New York area and tremors have been felt in that state and nearby New Jersey.¹⁴ Now turning to the West coast, there is the infamous San Andreas Fault, which run through the area of San Francisco and extends down to the Los Angeles area. Also, Cayce predicted that there would be an earthquake or other geological changes in the central portions of America. This change in land contour would prompt the Great Lakes to flow into the Gulf of Mexico. Furthermore, he said that the southern portions of the Carolinas and Georgia would disappear.

Transformations At the Poles

Cayce revealed that there would be upheavals at the Arctic and the Antarctic Poles. As a consequence, this would cause the eruption of volcanoes. Also, we can expect a change in the shifting of the North and South Poles. One reason given for the shifting of the Poles is attributed to crustal displacement. Cayce said this will occur around the year 2000, but before this happens, Cayce said, we should see signs in the Mediterranean and the South Pacific. Also, he said that there would occur the rising and sinking of various landmasses accompanied by floods.¹⁵

Cayce on Israel

Not only did Cayce write about the above psychic powers spiritual matter, reincarnation, and the various nations. But, he wrote about Israel and its destiny. One point worthy of mentioning is the following. "Israel, said Cayce, is all those on earth who are seeking a way back to God. Thus, we share vicariously with the Jews their heritage, their traditions of oneness with God, their falling away from their trails. Israel means the spiritual seekers of the world, no matter if Buddhists, Christian, American, French, German, or Hollentot"¹⁶. In 1933, he said, that Israel would return. This was fifteen years before the establishment of the State of Israel.

The Pyramid Prophecies

The Great Pyramid is also known as the pyramid of Giya; it is located about twenty Kilometers Southwest of the city of Cairo in Egypt. The Egyptians constructed this Pyramid before 3,500 B.C. When we observed this monolith, there is no doubt, that the Egyptians were the masters of metaphysics and engineering. There is no doubt that the Egyptians planned and constructed the pyramid to last thousands of years. This is evident from the solid stone blocks from, which they are made, weighting many tons. The manner in which the compartments and chambers were designed and set in place revealed that the pyramid was constructed to communicate a message to remote generations. Now, I shall deal with this message.

The Grand Gallery

What is the Grand Gallery? It is an intricate system of passageways in the Great Pyramid with a chronographic history intended to reveal the most significant events of the righteous people of mankind. In short it is prophecy revealed in pictorial murals with dates of events. The Grand Gallery is called, also, the Chamber of Truth and Light. But when one goes further to the descending passage, it leads to the Chamber of Chaos.¹⁷ This descending passage represents man's digression from progress. When the passageway ascends to a certain height, this indicates that mankind has balanced materialism with spiritualism and morality. We need the balance. The chronology of prophecy in the Great Pyramid begins at 4000 B.C. and terminates at 2001 A.D. In this writing, I shall reveal some of the prophecies that apply only to the twentieth century.

World War I and II

In the Chamber of Chaos, the year 1913 is shown. In less than a year, World War I breaks out and men began to slaughter one another with maniacal fury on land and sea. This chamber represents hatred, confusion, disaster and the obliviousness of the true spiritual self.

The next important dates are 1939-1953. In this section, the displays reveal that war leads to destruction and man will have to find a better way to solve his problems. However, humanity didn't learn, and Hitler embarked on the road of world conquest. Before the war was over more

than thirty million people were killed. Then, the Korean War began on June 25, 1950 and terminated in 1953. As I have said before, the Creator of the universe punishes mankind for its crimes. Likewise, we have the same indications in the ascending passage of the Great Pyramid. Rodolfo Benavides wrote, "we are today in the Chamber of Judgement of the Nations. We are on trial. Now, our present actions speaking in our defense are accusing us in no uncertain terms."¹⁸

World War III In The Pyramid

The representation in the Great Pyramid hints that the world war can be averted if men work hard at this option. The Chamber of Chaos in the Pyramid forecasts that a nuclear war is probable; especially, if man does not learn moderation and compromise. Even, if we escape a nuclear catastrophe, hundreds of thousands will perish by natural disasters.

Natural Phenomena

Following nuclear disaster, the Chamber of Chaos in the Great Pyramid forecasts the extermination of at least sixty five per cent of the world's population by natural calamities. Just like the other books, prophets, seers and psychics, the Chamber of Chaos predicts earthquakes, storms, floods, volcanoes, the rising and sinking of landmasses toward the end of our century. As of this

writing, we continue to have in this country unexplained forest fires, floods, and extremely frigid weather.

The Great Pyramid and the Papacy

Rodolfo Benavides reveals to us that the Grand Gallery, symbolizing the Christian period, terminates with the First World War. Does this suggest that the Christian era will end during this century? If we give any credence to the predictions of the Grand Gallery, the Catholic Church is doomed to vanish around the end of this century.

A few scholars, such as Benavides mentioned St. Malachy's prophecies.¹⁹ St. Malachy's birth name was Maelmhaedhoc O'Morgair, born in Armagh, Ireland in 1094 and was archbishop of his birth city. His prophecies concerned the popes, and he predicted the rise of 112 popes and their qualities from the year 1143 until the fall of Rome around the twenty-first century. He predicted that the last pope would be named Peter the Roman and the city of the seven hills (Rome) would be destroyed by a dreadful judge. Now, we have St Malachy, and Nostradamus confirming the prophecy of the Great Pyramid.²⁰

Now, I want to relate to you another dream I had on January 20, 1997, since it relates to the subject matter at hand. Before sunrise, a soft voice said, "The pope will fall sick and they will elect another." The following morning as I reflected on the contents of this dream, I asked myself: "What is so unusual about the pope falling sick and they electing another one? Nothing!" I concluded. In view of the fact that, the pope is in his late seventies and recently underwent an operation in _____

late 1996, I reasoned that there must be another basis for the dream. Perhaps, it will be the events that followed his sickness or death, which will be important. In my experience with dreams, and visions, I have learned that they come in series and not all at one time. A dream may come one day, then another day, week, or month; there will be a follow up. There will probably be a follow up to this dream. Many times, the nearer you are to an impending event, the clearer the details are revealed.

The Progression of the War

The wars, earthquakes, floods and other earth changes that I mentioned earlier, will not occur all at once. Some of these events will most likely transpire by late 1997 or early 1998. If some of these events have not happened by these dates, there should be symptoms or signs that they are building up and we should hear about them in the news. It is very probable that a national or international disaster or crisis could break out then subside for a period of months. Then, there could be another flair up. Wars and disaster, according to the prophets and psychics will continue throughout 1998, 1999 and through the year 2000 and beyond with some lulls between each storm.

Chapter VI

How We Can Avoid War Or at Least Lessen Its Impact

There are two major ways to avert or lessen disasters and wars. (1) We must develop a high standard of morality in our society and world. (2) There is the necessity to build a greater state of military preparedness.

In the two ways to avert or lessen wars, take notice that I mentioned the development of morality before military preparedness. Morality is more important for the development of a strong society. The family is the basic unit of any society. When the family is morally strong, the nation is strong. When the family is morally weak, the nation is weak and when this condition prevails, crime intensifies and corruption spills over into the streets, the schools, the workplace, the arm forces, and the mass media as well, poisoning every fabric of our society. I'm sure that you are aware that crime is visible everywhere. You are probably wondering how is morality going to avert or lessen war. Here's the clue. Everything we say and do is registered in the Akasha records, also called the invisible book of life', by the Divine Creator. And if we perpetuate evil, it is ascribed to us as a debt and if we do well it is attributed to us as a credit. God, the Creator judges and punishes us for our bad deeds or for what we neglect to do. Here are a few examples. If you have an exposed electric wire in your house or a bottle of gasoline and you don't take precautions and the house catches on fire, you are guilty of gross negligence. This same example applies

to society as a whole. If a number of people in society commit crimes, whether it be a white collar crime or a felony, or neglect to help the unfortunate in society, in the eyes of God, you are guilty of commission and omission. The English statesman, Edmond Burke said, "Evil runs rampant in our society because the good men refuse to do nothing." When a man helps a young boy to stay away from crime, this is an example of a good man who did something laudable.

The Creator judges and punishes a person, society or nation for the wrong doings they commit. The punishment could be as small as a sickness or as large as a flood or the involvement in war. When these terrible events happen, man is being punish for his sins and crimes, as it is written: "And I will punish the world for their evil and the wicked for their iniquity..." God punishes the wicked of the world by bringing on the nation's wars, earthquakes, floods, fires, and other social upheavals. If the world and the American people want to avert war and other disasters, we must develop our spirituality so that it will be in tune with the Divine Force. In order for a man or woman to be compatible, they must have the right chemistry; this is to say they must be in tune with each other. On the same token, if we expect to live in peace and harmony with our fellow man, we must get in tune with our Creator. If we don't do this, we will literally destroy the planet earth. Now, how do we get in tune with the Force?

Materialism vs. Morality

In order for man to get in tune with the Creator, we must reject excessive materialism, return to natural law, and obey the laws of the Creator God. The pursuit of excessive materialism is destroying every fabric and strata of the American society. How so? One example is the destruction of the environment and nature. Some corporations and industries display a flagrant disregard for our earth and atmosphere and poison the air with toxic gases and pollute the rivers with unsafe chemicals. The disposition to do this destroys the ozone layer in the atmosphere (which could eventually destroy life on earth) and kills fish in our rivers and streams. Why do some industries do this? Because of materialism and greed. They save millions of dollars rather than spending the money to find and implement safer methods to dispose of the pollutants. When the industries pollute the atmosphere and earth, they are violating the natural laws, which the Divine Force set in, motion thousands of years ago. If we want a healthy environment to live in, it is imperative that we get in tune with and conform to the laws that the Creator established in nature. The Creator (and nature) is not going to conform to us. We have to do the changing if we expect to survive.

Materialism and Balance

Excessive materialism in many parts of the world and in the United States has become so pervasive that the spouses in the family have lost touch with each other, and lost touch

with the children, and lost touch with the community. Many parents have bought a new home, three or four new cars, and planned for a couple of vacations in one year. This kind of situation has made it necessary for a couple to hold down three or four jobs between themselves. This pursuit of excessive materialism, at the expense of everything else, has left an emotional strain on the entire household. Because both parents work outside of the home, they don't have quality time to spend with each other; hence, there is little meaningful communication. The children are raising themselves, getting into trouble, or feeling neglected. In addition, there is no time for community meetings and the neighbors really don't know one another, and this is just scratching the surface of the many problems that are confronting the American family. What is the solution?

What's it all for if the parents can't enjoy their new home, the family and the community? You probably have heard the expression, "keeping up with the Jones's." In essence, we need to stop living above our means. The answer to this problem is to find a balance, a happy medium. We must balance materialism and morality in our lives. Here is an example of bringing more balance into your life. If you are considering purchasing a \$150,000 home and you have to work two jobs to pay for it, you might want to consider buying a less expensive one, around \$100,000. This principle can be applied to several items in the household. After all, happiness and peace in the family should be our priority. Statistics indicate that parents who don't take an active role in their children's education, the children tend not to do well in school; there.....

is a greater tendency for them to join gangs, and get involved in crime, costing us more money and heartaches. If parents don't spend more time together, this could lead to feelings of neglect, arguments, adultery, physical fighting, and murder. In view of these problems in the American family, there is room for more balance in our lives. Moral values should be balanced with materialism in order to bring us true happiness and harmony. Unfortunately, there are plenty of unhappy rich people in this world. Now, don't forget, all our deeds are written down in the invisible book of the Creator.

Social Justice

There are a number of things that the people of the world must do in order to avert or lessen the chances or severity of war and disasters such as the following:

1. We need to place more emphasis on moral actions rather than beauty, fame, and money. There are too many contradictions in our society. Some parents teach their children good behavior at home; then when the pre-teens go out into the streets or watch television they hear vulgarity and see nudity of the rich and famous. They see some celebrities and politician literally getting away with murder. What kind of signals are we sending to our children? When some of our children commit crimes, we, the adults, are responsible, not the teens. Negligence of the adults is negligence by the adults.

2. Our penal system in America is mostly punitive not rehabilitative. Our local state and federal government needs to spend more money to prevent crime and not to construct prisons. More money should be appropriated to build stronger families, to set up social programs, to train the unemployed and the youth. Instead of doing this, the government is putting the knife to the social programs. In addition, the inmates in the prisons should be trained in job skills and other social amenities in order for them to be able to cope with the real world upon release from prison. With this policy there would be a drastic reduction in the recidivist rate. I realize that some penal institutions do have this policy implemented. However, more need to be done if we are going to reduce the excruciating pain that we all suffer from the scourge of crime. It takes more than the parents to raise children in our computer age; it requires the efforts of the total society working concretely for the common good.
3. We must stop the exploitation of the poor, minorities, widows, orphans, and senior citizens, and share more of our wealth with our citizens. After this, we should continue to share with the rest of the world. The poor and the senior citizens are perceived as being weak and many times are easily exploited. They are easy victims to the many schemes of the con artists who prey on the little money they have. We need tougher penalties against the exploitation of the poor and the seniors. Another thing that could help seniors is for the good people who live in the neighborhood to become more sensitive and responsive to their needs. Aside from the

basics such as food, clothing, and money, they also need regular communication.

One night I was walking down the street and I saw a homeless man sitting on the sidewalk. He asked me for some money and I said to him, "I just gave three other men some money and I can't give to everybody." He replied, "I understand, anyhow, I appreciate you stopping to talk to me; a lot of people just ignore me and pass by."

On another day, I was returning with a friend of mine to his car. We met a homeless man near my friend's car. As soon as my friend opened the door, the homeless man asked my friend if he had any work for him to do. My friend replied, "No." The homeless man said that he had been walking around for weeks looking for a job, and he has been turned down many times. The man said, "I don't want to beg, just want to work. Don't you want your yard cleaned or something like that?" My friend said to him, "I just cleaned my yard yesterday." The homeless man said, "please! Give me something to do. I'll wash your car." After hearing the sincere plea of the homeless man, my friend agreed to let him wash his car. Now, my reason for telling you this story is to prove a point. The point is that all homeless people don't want to beg, many would rather work; but they just can't find jobs. Many times individuals with skills, degrees and excellent references cannot find jobs; how much more so, a homeless person who doesn't have skills and references because he has been unemployed for months or even years. We have to show more compassion for the poor, senior citizens, widows, and orphans. There is a Divine command to do this. (Deut.

23:12-13). Some homeless people have their pride; they would rather eat out of the garbage can than to beg. Let's come down off of our ivory towers and help them and the Divine Creator will bless us even more than we are. Remember the words of William Shakespeare, "No man is an island, everybody is part of the continent. One man's life diminishes mine because I am a member of mankind."

Let no man say, "I don't need you." You don't know whom you might need in this world. Take note of the following story: One day a rich man was driving in his car along the expressway and his car hit the railing, turned over and burst into flames. A homeless man near by saved his life by dragging the man from the wreckage. An incident like this should teach us that we should have more compassion towards the poor, minorities, and senior citizens. If we don't show more compassion for them, how can we expect the Divine Creator to have mercy on us when we get into dire circumstances. If there is indifference on our part, the Creator will judge us for our injustice and neglect. Our punishment could lead to hurricanes, floods, famine, depression, and forest fires; which endangers the safety of our homes. Even the Edgar Cayce files indicate that upheavals in nature are a direct result of man's moral decadence. The great writer Eric Lincoln wrote the following, "Injustice of the American people is injustice by the American people, the people are not innocent" *The Shame of the Cities*.

We can change and lessen much of the impact caused by war and natural disasters. But, we must change the way we respond to our environment (stop polluting it). We must change the way we deal with one another; we are our

Brother's keeper. If we are not our brother's keeper, then, we are our brother's destroyer. In a world of mass transportation, communication and information, we are all interdependent. If we don't work together to save our planet earth, we shall destroy it. We can save ourselves if we identify the problems, design a feasible practical way to solve them and work relentlessly with a moral sense of justice until they reach fruition. Lastly, we must perform good deeds toward one another, pray and ask the Divine One for mercy. God the Creator is not going to wait forever for us to turn to Him. We have had our last chance before the advent of disaster. All the crying and tears will not help when disaster strikes, if we wait too long.

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Chapter III

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 14. I wrote about a series of military conflicts in the Middle East as early as 1981, in my book called *The Valley of the Dry Bones*, even though, it didn't become published until 1986. (see, *The Valley of the Dry Bones*, p. 129).
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It is evident that Nostradamus didn't deem it wise to come straight out and say a new religion (to indicate Judaism) if he had done so, he could have been indicted for heresy. So, he deliberately employed cryptic language to confuse those readers who have the evil eye.

Chapter IV

1. An example of a primary nation would be England, and a secondary nation would be Australia. Australia was a colony of England. If England came up to Jerusalem to fight, Australia wouldn't necessarily have to come because England represents her prior colonies; her colonies are the same people.
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The Legacy of War

After each of the five Arab-Israeli wars (1948, 1956, 1967, 1973, and the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon), the various nations on most continents have increased the proliferation of arms sale to the Middle East, and the aftermath of the Iraq-Iran War, and the Gulf War was no exception. Iran and Iraq had a need to increase their arms sales, if for no other reason than the fear of each other. Saudi Arabia and Kuwait had to increase their sales, no doubt, because of the threat from Iraq and to a lesser degree, a threat from Iran, who could endanger their oil shipments. In addition, we must remember, that the US and the UN had rescued Kuwait, Arabia and other Middle East states from Iraqi invasion, but what of the future? Martin S. Navias reveals: "The USA would not be allowed- and arguably would not wish to keep a large military presence in the region. Consequently, it was in the interest of the regional states and the USA to help to reinforce regional forces, both as a deterrent to Iraqi and Iranian adventures and, at the very least, as a means of resisting enemy advances until the UN or the USA could inject sufficient forces into the area. There was, therefore, a very strong strategic rationale for continuing arms supplies." Moreover, revenge, hatred, and fear has plagued the Middle East. Saddam will probably never forget that the

Israeli's bombed the Iraqi Osirak Nuclear Reactor in 1981; likewise, the Israelis will never forgive Saddam for his scud missile attacks on the cities of Haifa and Tel Aviv during the Gulf War. As a result of these attacks, the US increased its shipments of arms to Israel and Arabia, including the Patriot Defense Missile System and other military weapons. The spiraling arms race continues unabated as I am writing in 1994. As one nation increases its arsenal and another nation in this region learns about it, the latter nation increases her weaponry as a defense against the former nation's aggression; "and the race goes on." Again, this situation contributes to the probability that World War III will commence in this region. Now, lets look at Iran and see what part, if any, she will play in any future wars.

5. The numerical value of the words Gog oo Magog (Gog or Magog, see letters and vowels in Hebrew for these words) is seventy, which refers to the primary nations in the ancient world. The wars of Gog and Magog are conceived as battles, which all the seventy primary nations of the world will launch against the State of Israel. The Midrash Tanchuma reveals that there are seventy sons that descended from Ham, Shem, and Japhet, (Gen. 10:1-30), Rabbi Mosehe Eisemann, Yechezkel – Ezekiel, Mesorah Publication Ltd., NY, p. 578.
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Also, a mountain near Jerusalem split and moved towards the East about twenty-seven hundred years ago. Josephus, the Jewish historian, wrote that this event happened after King Uzziah went into the holy place of the temple to burn incenses on the golden Alter. (II Chrons. 26:16). An earthquake occurred and a breach was made in the temple; then the sun shown through and landed on the forehead of the King and leprosy appeared on the forehead of the King. Now, at a place called, Eroge, half of the mountain broke away and moved four furlongs (880 yards) towards the Eastern Mountain. (conf. Flavius Josephus, *The Complete Works of Josephus*, trans. By Wm. Whiston, Kregel Publications, 1981, p. 208.
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10. Dixon, Jeane, *The Call To Glory*, A Bantam Book, William Marrow and Company, 1973, p. 80 "Salvation is of the Jews" (John 4:22).
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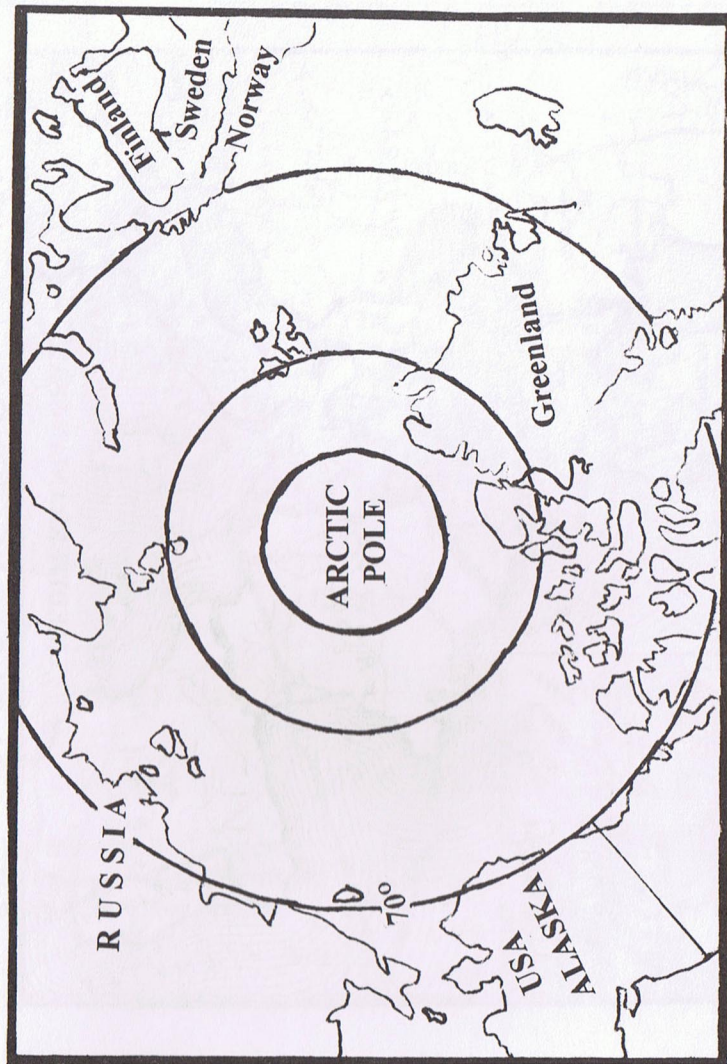
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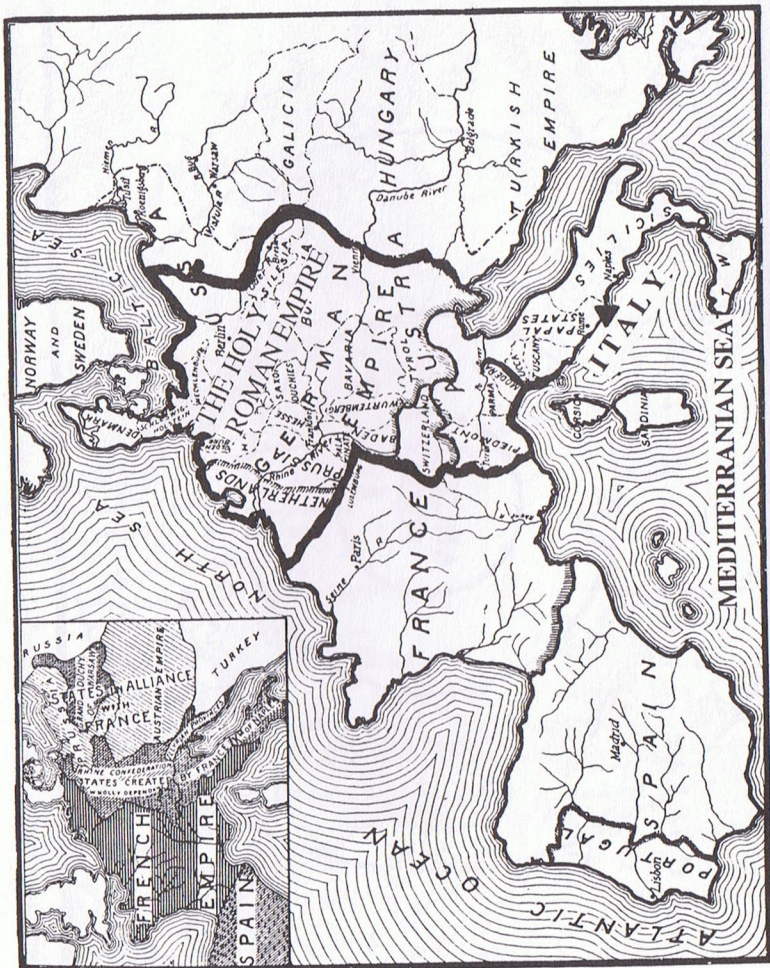


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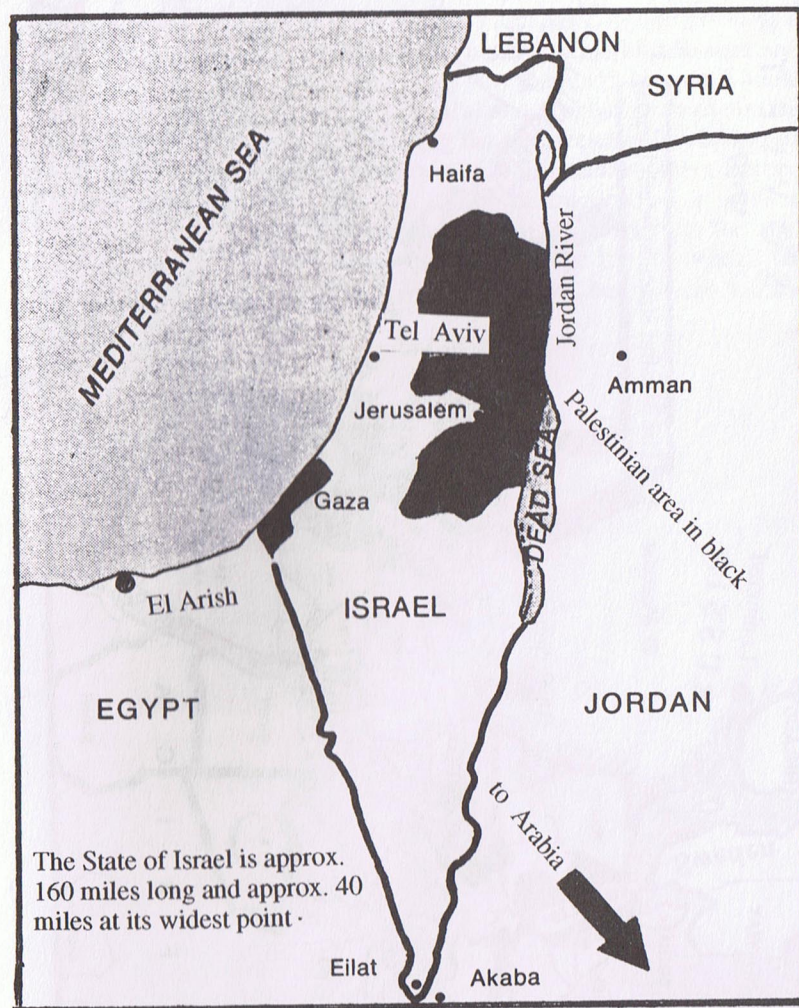
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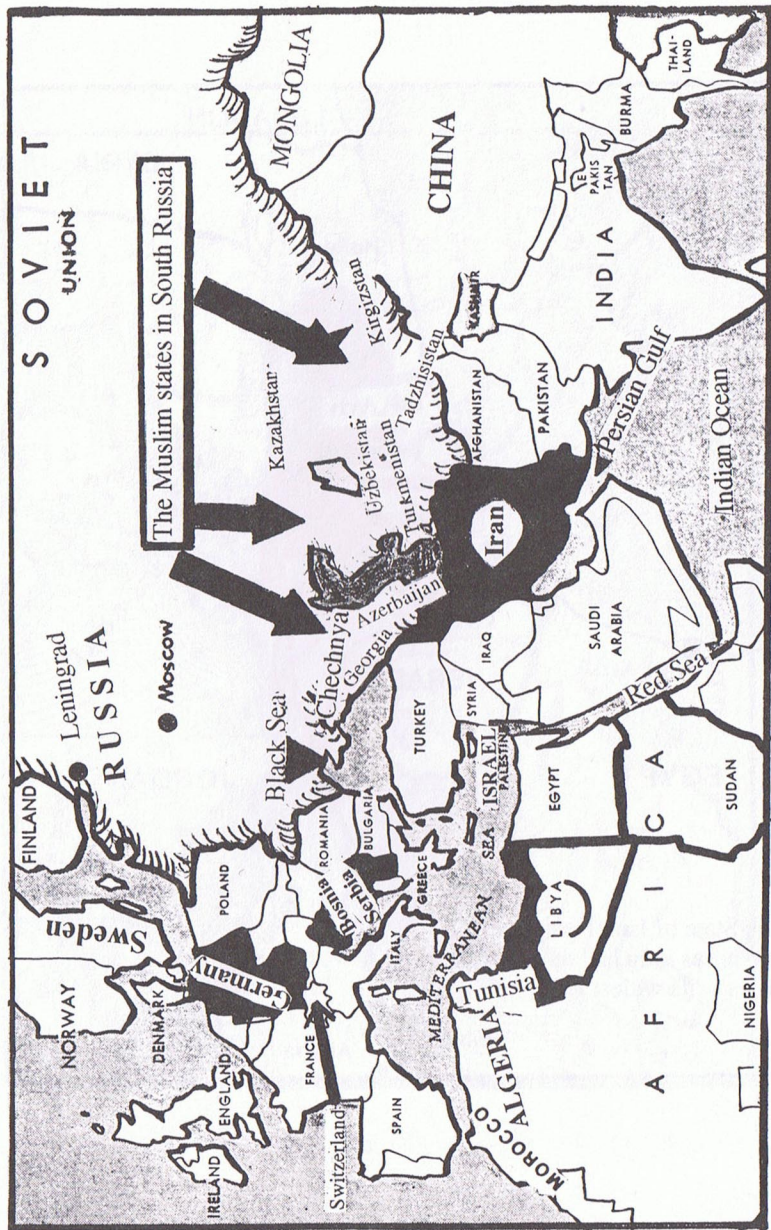


This map shows the USA and Russia (the two great masters) at the North Pole.



Approximate area of the Holy Roman Empire from 9th Century to the 19th Century





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Before Mr. Windsor leads us into the prophecies, he renders to us a thorough background knowledge of the history of the Middle East and the present day crises. Then, he reveals why there will be more Middle East wars, giving the biblical, ideological and economic causes for the wars. But, this is not all. In explaining the prophecies of Nostradamus, he informs us that a Middle Eastern ruler will attack southern Europe and an American city will also suffer destruction by a nuclear explosion. In this book, Nostradamus tells us who will win the next war. Moreover, Mr. Windsor gives us some hope for the future. He tells us how we can avert World War III, or if not, how we can at least lessen its impact.

Chapter II

Iran and Islamic Fundamentalism

Iran is a vociferous militant nation whose students seized the U.S. Embassy in Teheran and took sixty-three American hostages in 1979. Where is Iran located? It is bordered on the north by the former Soviet Union and the Caspian Sea, on the northwest by Turkey, on the west by Iraq, on the south by Saudi-Arabia, and it is bordered on the east by Afghanistan and Pakistan. The Persian Gulf separates Iran from Arabia just due south.

After the Shah of Iran abdicated his throne in January of 1979, Ayatollah Khomeini (the famous religious leader) departed from his French exile and flew to Teheran, the capitol of Iran. For many years, Khomeini became the leading ideologist and propagandist against the cruel rule of the Shah and the chief proponent for the establishment of an Islamic Republic. A constitution for the Islamic Republic of Iran was ratified by a referendum in December of 1979. The constitution states that the structure of the government of Iran is that of an Islamic Republic and that morality and spirituality are to be the foundation of economic, social and political relations; hence, a union of religion and state. This union is nothing new, it was present at the root of early Islam.

Since the Iranian revolution, we read much in the newspapers about Islamic fundamentalism, it is mostly negative and is connected with terrorism. The Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary defines the word

fundamentalism as follows: "A movement in 20th century protestantism emphasizing the literally interpreted Bible as fundamental to Christian life and teaching. A movement or attitude stressing strict and literal adherence to a set of basic principles." John Exposito tells us that his definition can be applied realistically to the Muslim world. He continues: "Fundamentalism is often equated with political activism, extremism, fanaticism, terrorism, and anti-Americanism. Yet, while some engage in religio-politics, most as we shall see, work within the established order."² Many experts regard fundamentalism as too impregnated with Christian presuppositions and Western stereotypes, as well as assuming a monolithic danger that does not exist. They prefer more appropriate terms such as "Islamic activism" or "Islamic revivalism" which have potent roots within the Islamic tradition.

It is true that fundamentalism isn't a monolithic threat; nor are its tactics espoused by all Muslim states throughout the world. According to many experts and laymen, it is Khomeini's brand of religious militant activism that they fear. This apprehension is expressed by Europeans as well as some Muslims. They cite such facts and incidents as the preamble to the Iranian constitution which alludes to the ideological mission of the Revolutionary Guard and the arm forces to expand the rulership of God's law throughout the world.³ Many nations read into this to mean military aggression. Khomeini frequently referred to his religion as a potent force for the removal of despots and the ousting of foreign influences, such as Israel and the western powers from the Arab world.

During the Iran-Iraqi war in 1982, a high official, Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, and Colonel Shirazi were dead locked on the issue whether or not to extend the war into Iraqi territory. In June of this same year, Khomeini solved this impasse by calling for the overthrow of Saddam Hussein and this was not the first time; the pervious times were in 1979 and March of 1980. It is clear that Khomeini and Iran had set its course on regional expansionism. Khomeini said that if Saddam is overthrown, the Iraqi people will establish an Islamic state, and after Saddam is removed, Iran and Iraq will combine forces; then, the smaller states in the region will join.⁴ One of the chief reasons why the Iranians feel that the Iraqis would unite with Iran is because the majority of the people in Iraq are Shi'ite Muslims like themselves. Again, Khomeini had his speech read for him by his son on March 21, 1980, and made his intentions vivid: "We should exert all efforts to export our revolution to other parts of the world. Let us abandon the idea of keeping our revolution within our borders."⁵

After Iran poured troops into southern, central, and northern Iraq in 1982, Saddam made gestures for peace in 1983. Khomeini refused a settlement of the war. Said Khomeini: "The Islamic government of Iran cannot sit at the peace table with a government that has no faith in Islam nor in humanity. Islam does not allow peace between us and him (Saddam), between a Muslim and an infidel." In other developments, Iran continued its policy to export their revolution.

President Kamenii, in 1982, summoned an international conference in Teheran; the name of this conference was

The World Congress of Friday Prayer Leaders. With the representative of forty countries present, he appealed to them to convert their masques also into cultural, political, and military bases and to prepare the ground for the establishment of Islamic government in all countries. Moreover, what actually materialized in several foreign nations was evident that his appeal was being executed. Shaul Bakhash, the professor of Near East Studies at Princeton University, informs us that the Iranian government furnished monetary support to the Shi'ite groups in Lebanon called the Amal movement. It also had been reported that the break-away Islamic Amal group, under the leadership of the Shi'ite Hosain Musavi; was responsible for the 1983 car-bombing assault against several buildings in Lebanon containing American, Israeli and French military personnel. In this incident, almost 300 people perished. Again, after the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon, Iran dispatched over 300 troops of the Revolutionary Guard to Lebanon to help in the war against Israel. While these Iranians were there, they proselytized the local population to accept a Khomeini form of Islamic government. Also, Iranian activism extended to other nations.

It became a known fact that Khomeini considered the yearly hajj (pilgrimage to the holy cities of Mecca and Medina) as a tool for propaganda. He accepted the idea that the hajj should be employed as a political mechanism for Iran. No doubt, he wanted to influence the hundreds of thousands of pilgrims to his thinking so that they would become militant activists in the various countries. After Khomeini had appointed Mohammad Musavi Khoeniha as

head of the hajj organization in Iran, over 100,000 Iranian pilgrims clashed with the Saudi Arabian police when they organized marches and displayed Khomeini's photographs. Consequently, Musavi Khoeniha and numerous of his followers were evicted from Arabia. In the aftermath of this incident, one top religious leader, Ayatollah Montazeri of Iran, proclaimed to the Islamic state to undertake the supervision of the holy places. He referred to the Saudis as "a bunch of pleasure-seekers and mercenaries" and asked, "How long must satan rule in the house of God?" When the 1983 hajj was approaching and the officials in Arabia endeavored to place limitations on Iranian pilgrims, Musavi Khoeniha reiterated the following: "If a bunch of Saudi rulers should be able to dictate policies for the hajj; then we must ask if the government of Arabia is qualified to administer holy sanctuaries."⁶ Now, let me review some fundamentalistic activism in North Africa.

North African Fundamentalism

Militant fundamentalists have been operating in North Africa from Egypt to Morocco; and political analysts in the West and in the Middle East are concerned that if they gain political control in certain key countries, they can shift the balance of power in favor of Iraq and Iran. The analysts say this must not happen and if it does, we shall be on the verge of World War III.

In Egypt, the militants were responsible for the assassination of ex-President Anwar Sadat and many other important officials. In Egypt alone, over twenty thousand terrorists and those convicted of plotting to overthrow the

government, with the intentions to establish a religious state, have been arrested.⁷ Similar events occurred in Tunisia.

Just east of Egypt, in Tunisia, the religious fundamentalists became active. In a number of conspiracies against the government, led by the Nahda movement, the state moved in and arrested many. After a raid on a major political party (Rassemblement Constitutionnel Démocratique) which resulted in the death of a watchman in February of 1991. The three persons apprehended for the crime and accused of being followers of the Nahda movement were put to death in October of the same year. The state continued to make additional raids on the fundamentalist movement and more arrests for conspiracy were made public during that year.⁸ To the east of Tunisia is Libya, which is better known to most of us.

Col Muammar Al Qaddafi came to power in 1977 and since that time, he has been one of the most controversial leaders in the Arab world. Many nations in the West and Middle East have accused him of aiding and abetting various terrorist organizations, namely the PLO and others. Whether these accusations are true or false are debatable; nonetheless, the Libyan Revolutionary Command Council established the "Islamic Call Society in 1972 as a major vehicle of Libya's foreign policy. Its goal was not simply the preaching and promotion of Islam at home, but its spread abroad as an integral part of Libyan diplomatic and political objectives."⁹ This society accomplished much to promote social welfare services also.

Libya has been identified with militant fundamentalism for several reasons: its treaty with Iran made in 1985,¹⁰

and Libya's implementation of religious laws and criminal punitive measures. Moreover, the U.S. government designated Libya, along with Syria and Iran, as the foremost sponsors of state terrorism. After a prolonged detailed investigation, the U.S. accused several Libyan nationals for the bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland in 1988; at that time 270 people were killed. The government of Libya declined to extradite the accused men. In a similar incident, a French judge charged four Libyans for destroying a UTA DC-10 airliner over the African nation of Niger in 1989 bringing about the deaths of 171 people including some Africans. Then, there was the naval incident with Libya in which two U.S. naval jets from the sixth fleet were fired upon by Libya's Soviet built Sam-5 missiles in the Gulf of Sidra (sometimes written Surtis) off the Mediterranean Sea. Qaddafi claimed that the jets crossed Libya's 'line of death' (her territorial waters). In retaliation, the U.S. aircraft destroyed missile and radar facilities in the town of Surtis on the 24th and 25th of March, 1986.

There were other unpleasant episode that Libya encountered with her neighbors: the first meeting of the joint parliaments of Libya and Morocco was cancelled by King Hassan of the latter state in protest over the announcement by Qaddafi of a treaty between Libya and Iran in 1985. Then there was an agreement forming a union of Arab states including Libya, which had been defunct for over a decade was finally dissolved in 1984 when Egypt withdrew from the 'Union of Arab Republics,' which it became a partner with Syria and Libya in 1971. Egypt had blamed Iran and Libya for setting mines in the

Egyptian waters of the Gulf of Suez and the Red Sea, which had damaged about 18 ships in the summer of 1984; and suspected them of additional espionage and terrorist functions. These sagas go on and on, for supplementary reading consult the works of Martin S. Navias.¹¹ Many nations throughout the world consider the personality of Qaddafi to be extremely unstable, radical and a danger to this region, not only in the short run, but especially in any future Middle East crisis. Now, we shall move westward to Algeria.

Algeria is the largest country in land area in North Africa and it has the second largest population with over 25,000,000 people according to 1991 census. In light of its strategic position, natural resources, and the ongoing domestic turmoil, Algeria is in a key position to influence regional policy and to effectuate great impact on Europe and it's sister states in terms of military power, militant ideology, and an economic threat.

Many of the same social ingredients that toppled the Shah of Iran in 1979 are extant in Algeria today. They are the migration of large populations from rural areas to urban ones, the high rate of unemployment (especially among the youth), rapid population growth, and an economy stagnated in corruption and bureaucracy, and continued repression and torture. These conditions have brought to the forefront several militant fundamentalist groups. After the exclusion of various political parties for many years and prolonged riots, the government moved toward more liberal policies and permitted the Islamic Salvation Front to nominate candidates. In 1989, the Islamic Salvation Front captured a stunning victory to the dismay of Ben Ali and other

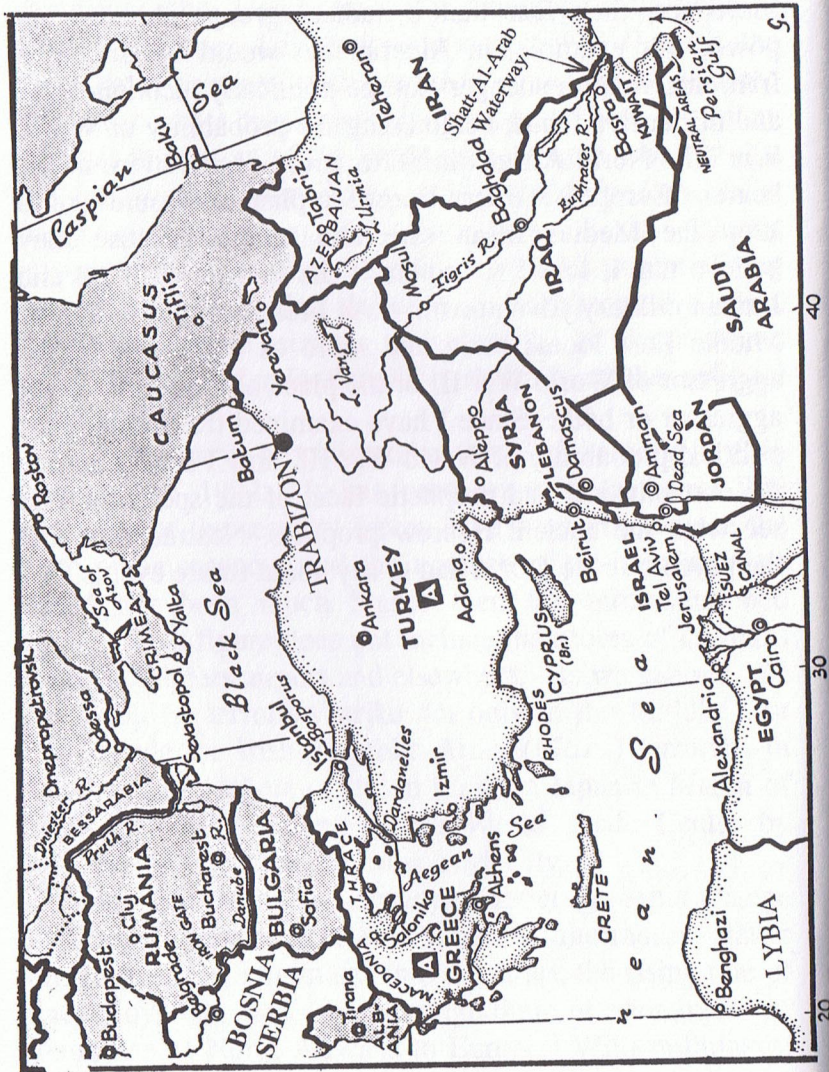
officials. Again, after moving from an outlaw party in the space of one year, the Islamic Salvation Front went on to capture another victory in the parliamentary elections of 1991. Although this victory was achieved through the democratic process, many political observers considered this great win a fundamentalist victory. There are many analysts in and out of the Mediterranean area who say that the Islamic Salvation Front is a militant fundamentalist party committed to the formation of an Islamic government. The fear of this phenomena materializing became so intense that the military implemented a coup, toppled the prime minister, prevented future elections and precluded the Islamic Salvation Front from the political process.

The military proclaimed a state of emergency in February of 1992. It has been reported that over 200 members of the security forces have been killed since the state of emergency; and the number of militant activists killed has been much higher than the aforementioned figure. This figure does not include the scores of civilians killed at Algiers airport and elsewhere. As we can see, the death toll by terrorists strike not only in the Middle East but include the Irish Republic Army (I.R.A.) terrorists in London, in Oklahoma City, in Paris, in Japan in March of 1995, and the bombing of the World Trade Center by militant fundamentalist in New York City.

Many Europeans are concerned about the rapid change in the demographics of the South Mediterranean states: high birth rates, migrations into the cities, the rising rate of unemployment and the immigration of hundreds of thousands of North Africans to Europe. With millions of

North Africans in Europe, Europeans are becoming more alarmed about their jobs and the importation of terrorism. Moreover, they fear that if radical groups should gain power; for example, in Algeria that would be linked to Iran, this would endanger Europe politically, economically and militarily. Thus, heightening the probability of World War III. North African missiles could easily strike at the heart of Europe. Western European planners would like to keep the Mediterranean safe and secure because they believe that it is the anteroom of the Persian Gulf oil and Iranian military adventurism.¹² As I research and write, the Middle East looms more and more as the target of the aggressor of World War III or the place of the origin of the aggressor or both. Since I have examined the secular geopolitical probability of World War III, now I shall examine the metaphysical and prophetic facet of the spectrum, and see what the ancient Hebrew prophets, Nostradamus and the psychic Jeane Dixon had to say about future events.

Chapter III World War III



A number of Hebrew prophets and writers such as Daniel, Joel, Zechariah, and Ezekiel wrote about several horrible wars or battles. These wars are suppose to take place at the time of the so called “last days” or “end time;” and man has been predicting the “war of Armageddon for centuries. In this battle, the forces of good is suppose to be victorious over the forces of evil. The ancient prophets do give us some clues as to when the great battle will take place, they say that it will definitely materialize after the redemption and ingathering of the house of Jacob or the Jews to the Land of Israel. Now, the Jews officially established the State of Israel in 1948 and since that time more than 3,000,000 new immigrants have settled in their new home from all over the world.

The ancient Hebrew prophets predicted that once the Jews have been reassembled and living at ease in the land of Israel that a confederacy of nations would attack Israel from the North.

“Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, this saith the Lord God; In that day when my people Israel dwelth safely, shall thou not Know it? And thou shalt come out of thy place out of the north parts, thou and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army: And thou shalt come up against my people Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter

days, and I shall bring thee against my land, that the nations may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes" (Ez. 38:14-16).

Who is this Gog whose going to come against the nation of Israel? According to the book of Ezekiel 38:2, he is the leader of an assembly of northern nations, that is north of the focal point of Israel and ancient Babylon (The Jews and Ezekiel were in captivity in Babylon when Ezekiel received this prophesy). Furthermore, Gog is the prince of the land of Magog, Rosh (or Rus)' Meshech and Tubal. In Genesis 10:2, it reveal that Magog, Meshech and Tubal are the sons of Japheth, and these are primarily European or Eurasian people. Thus, we learn that when Gog and his armies invade the Middle East and Israel they will be composed mostly Europeans; however, scripture indicate that they will have some African and Asian allies. I shall deal with these allies a little later. The historian Josephus writes that the Magogites were the ancestors of the ancient Scythians who inhabited the region north of the Caucasus Mountains between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea. This area is southern Russia. Many scholars believe that the word Meshech is the same as the city of Moscow the capitol of Russia. Gog is also the prince of Tubal. The people of Tubal inhabited the territory north and northeast of the Caspian Sea in Russia. In addition, there is a river in this area with a name similar to the word Tubal called the Tobolsk. This river with its Russianized suffix extend north and south, east of the Ural Mountains in Central Russia. Then the prophet Ezekiel wrote of "Gomer and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters..."

(Ez. 38:6 and 39:2). Again, Josephus wrote that the Galatians who dwelled in Turkey were the descendants of Gomer. Some of these offsprings of Gomer even migrated to northeast Europe and formed the Germanic race. The house of Togarmah also dwelled in parts of northern Turkey. Although, some writers may be doubtful of the exact location of some of the aforementioned tribes, but one fact is certain and that is, that most of the invaders will descend from the Northwest, north and northeast of the focal point of the land of Israel.

Nostradamus and the Northern Power

In light of this invasion of the Middle East, do any other sources reveal any information about a northern power with a mighty army? Yes, the humble Nostradamus wrote that "during the said astrological supputation, harmonized with the sacred Scriptures, the persecution of the Ecclesiatics shall take its rise in the power of the Kings of the North, united with Easterns."

On another page, he wrote: "Then the third King of the North hearing the complaints of the people (whom he derives) his principle title, will raise up a mighty army, and through the limits of his last progenitors and great grandfather, to him who will replace almost everything in its old condition." Now, we have a French citizen, Nostradamus, who predicted about a Northern army. This prophet lived in the 16th century about two thousand years after the prophet Ezekiel. At this point, I shall deal with the allies of the King of the North.

Persia Ethiopia & Libya

“Persia Ethiopia and Libya” will be the Afro-Asian nations which will accompany the king of the North when he will invade the little State of Israel. This is what the prophet Ezekiel wrote over twenty-five hundred years ago (Ezekiel 38:5).

Persia, called Iran today, was renamed in 1935. This country, over the years, became known by various names such as Elam, Media, Persia, Parthia and now Iran.

Ethiopia is the second nation mentioned by the prophet Ezekiel, but he is not referring to present day Ethiopia. He is referring to the nation of the Sudan because thousands of years ago ancient Cush or Ethiopia was located in the northern part of Sudan.

Libya has the same name it had in ancient times. This country is bordered on the Mediterranean Sea on the North with Egypt on the East, and with Algeria on the West. These are the three Afro-Asian states which are to accompany the king of the North when he will invade the land of Israel.

Now, let's see if the astrologer Nostradamus wrote anything about these three nations.

“Though fire and arms not far from
the Black Sea. He will come from
Persia to occupy Trebizond;
Pharos, Mytilene to tremble, the
Sun joyful, The Adriatic Sea
covered with Arab blood.”

V.27,25

The Persian arm forces will invade Trebizond in northern Turkey, Mytilene in western Turkey, Balkan nations around the Adriatic Sea and Pharos in northern Egypt. If Turkey and Egypt were attacked surely the State of Israel would be somewhere on the list.

“New law to occupy the new land
toward Syria, Judea and Palestine: The
great barbarian empire to decay, before
the Moon completes its cycle.”

III. 97

The new law that was established in a “new land” or new nation in Palestine was the State of Israel. The new law or Jewish law (new to the Arabs) was instituted in Israel-Palestine which was a part of the Arab world for almost fifteen hundred years. Nostradamus seems to indicate that the great Barbarian Empire, Persia, would decay or decline after its rampage through southern Europe and the Middle East.

“Ogmios will approach great
Byzantium (Istanbul). The Barbaric
League will be driven out: Of the two
laws the heathen one will give way,
Barbarian and Frank in perpetual strife”
(war).

V.80

Ogmios, great persuader, was the Celtic Hercules. He is symbolic of the leader of northwest Europe who fights

against the Barbaric League to which Iran will be an important participant. The tribe of the Franks settled in various parts of western Europe but mostly in France. In the above quatrain, Nostradamus seems to indicate that the armies of Europe will be victorious over the eastern league.

“France because of negligence assailed
on five sides, Tunis, Algiers stirred up
by the Persians: Leon Seville,
Barcelona having failed, for the
venetians there will be no fleet.”

I.73

Edgar Leoni revealed in his book that the only time since 1555 that France has been attacked on five fronts was in 1813 – 1814 and that attack was by Europeans; in light of this, these battles are yet for the not so distant future. Nostradamus wrote of two north African nations in this context who would be victims of Persian idealogical propaganda. Tunisia and Algeria are contiguous states with Libya. Is Nostradamus trying to tell us that various African states, allied with Persia, will attack France? When Nostradamus employs the word “Libya” he means not only territorial Libya but also all the countries west of Libya and sometimes all of North Africa. In many French sources, the word “Libya” is translated into English as Africa.³ In view of this information extracted from the works of Nostradamus, it would be safe to conclude that Libya will probably be allied with Iran or another pan Arab federation against the West. As a matter of fact Libya and Iran signed a strategic alliance in the early summer of 1985.

Dissolution of the Soviet Union

The Union of The Soviet Socialist Republic began to dissenegrate during the Presidency of Mikhail Gorbachev (1985 –91). Although, the Soviet Union amassed a great territorial (empire extending from the Baltic Sea in the West to the Pacific Ocean in the East) and had trained a mechanized army with the use of nuclear weapons, Russia sank to the level that she could not pay her soldiers on time, and suffered from food shortages. At this time various Soviet republics began to break away and demand independence.

The prophet Ezekiel and the astrologer Nostradamus wrote about the future emergence of a northern power Russia, and her invasion of Israel and the Middle East. My readers are probably wondering how can the Soviets invade the Middle East when Russia is falling apart, disorganized and suffering from financial bankruptcy. Well, Nostradamus wrote about this breakup of the Soviet Union and its re-emergence. The following is what Nostradamus wrote about its breakup:

“The law of More⁶ will be seen to
decline: After another much more
seductive: Dnieper first will come to
give way: Through gifts and tongue
another more attractive”

III.95

The law of More is the philosophy of Sir Thomas More, English statesman and author (1478-1535). He wrote his “Utopia describing communal ownership of land, education

of men and women alike, and religious toleration. The common communal ownership of land is nothing but communism.⁷ It is obvious that Lenin and Stalin (leader & dictator of Russia) adopted many important points from Sir Thomas More. Nostradamus said that the More law, communism, would decline for another more desirable and attractive and that this first will happen around the Dnieper River which flows into the Black Sea in southern Russia. In southern Russia, there are mostly Muslim republics such as Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and the region of Chechnya. These republics rejected communism after 1990. They held firmly to their more traditional religions and declared their independence from Russia. These states are called Commonwealth of Independent State and they have only a cooperation agreement with Russia. There is much evidence to confirm the fact that the above former Russian Muslim states have a greater affinity to the Middle Eastern states of Turkey, Iraq, Afghanistan and Iran than to Russia. More details I shall give shortly.

Why A Russian Attack?

The prophet Ezekiel and the astrologer Nostradamus repeatedly wrote that a Northern Power will attack the Middle East and this Power is Russia and its allies. Assuming that Russia will attack, what would be her motive? How and with whom will she build up her coalition?

First of all, Russia wants to build an empire again; she wants to be a world power. This is the sentiment of many Russians; one such Russian politician was the former

National Security Chief Gen. Aleksandr Lebed who was ousted by President Yeltsen in October of 1996. Russia wants to regain her pride and influence, which she lost because of her defeat in the Afghanistan and Chechnya Wars. Men like Vladimir Zhirinovsky and Gen. Lebed are biding their time. The latter described the current government as only temporary. Also, Lebed said, "I am not a democrat because Russia was, is and for some time will be an empire."

In order for Russia to regain her former influence and power in the world she needs money and technology. Russia has lots of natural minerals such as oil, natural gas, coal, iron, ore, etc., but most of it is in Siberia and eastern Russia. If she considered tapping these resources she, again, would have a surplus of capital and technology. If the predictions of Nostradamus and the prophets are correct, this means that Russia will become an imperialistic nation again. This political strategy would set Russia and the Western powers on a collision course. For Russia to become an imperialistic state, where would she get the money and technology. The answer is found in the prophecies of Nostradamus and Ezekiel.

The Russian Afro-Asian Alliance

I quoted Nostradamus earlier in this chapter that Algiers and Tunis (Northwest Africa) would be "Stirred up by the Persians." In addition, I referred to the prophet Ezekiel who wrote that Persia (Iran), Ethiopia, and Libya would be with the king of the North. We learn from the thirty-eight chapter of Ezekiel that "Gog, (of) the land of Magog" (Russia) will cement a political alliance with Persia,

Ethiopia Libya and other states; this is apparent by implication. Now, why would Russia want to sign an alliance with these Middle Eastern states and what would she gain by it? Furthermore, what would the Arab states gain by such an alliance?

First of all, let's keep in mind that the Arab states possessed oil and "warm water ports" to the Mediterranean Sea and the Persian Gulf. The Arab states earn billions of dollars from their oil fields and the Russians need money to expand their dying economy. For centuries, the dream of the Russian Czars was to create a strong empire with access to the Mediterranean and the Persian Gulf. The Russians believe that if they could accomplish this, they would have seaports for their navy in the southern Arab world; as a result of this, Russia could expand her sphere of international influence. What would be an inducement for some states in the Arab world to hand over billions of dollars to Russia, or to give the Russians access to their sea ports, or to say the least, to give the Russians some control over their oil?

The Russian Hypothetical Agreement

If the Russians devised the above three conditions to submit to the Arab world, what would be the seductive entities that would incline the Arabs for an agreement? There are three significant things:

1. Playing at the disposal of the Arab world the massive well trained Russian military forces including her navy and air force with nuclear capability.

2. Agreeing to orchestrate and to participate in the invasion and complete annihilation of the State of Israel.
3. Agreeing to argue, negotiate and defend Arab military, economic, and political interest in all national and international forums such as in the mass media or the United Nations, and if need be to threaten the Western World with a plenary nuclear retaliatory response if it interferes in Middle Eastern affairs.

Should this situation transpire, the world would be at the Walls of Armageddon. How frightful! No doubt, the Arabs would probably welcome an agreement of sorts from the Russians; in view of the fact, that the Western World has been supporting the Jewish people since the English Balfour Declaration of 1917, established a Jewish State in Palestine. If such an agreement come to fruition, the Arab states would have a superpower to champion their cause also. The idea of Ruso-Arab cooperation with military and political backing is not ludicrous or new. Just over twelve years ago practically the entire Arab world was the clientele of Russia. Russia supplied arms and technicians to train the Arab soldiers; and even dispatched Russian troops to support the Egyptian army. Let us return now to the prophet Ezekiel to understand the reason why the Russians well embark on the road to war:

"And thou shall say, I will go up to the land of unwallled Villages; I

will go to them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates. To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thy hand unto the desolate places that are now inhabited, and unto the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land” (Ezekiel 38: 11-12).

The massive northern Russian invasion is suppose to occur after the Jews have returned to the land of Israel from all parts of the world. This is suppose to happen when the Israelis are to be dwelling in safety and security from attacks from her adjacent enemies. No doubt the phrase “that dwell safely means that Israel will have negotiated an acceptable peace with some of the Arab states which are contiguous with her border but not with all of them. Ezekiel said that the Jews would be “dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates.” In ancient times walls, bars and gates were for defense and protection; however, their application today would be symbolical, meaning Israel would not need to be on an intense war footing. She could relax a little more because of the negotiated peace. The attack will come against Israel at a time when she “have gotten cattle and goods” this means when Israel has become very prosperous and wealthy. Israel would then be the envy of the northern power. Remember one of the goals of the northern power is “to take a spoil and to take a prey.” Now understand the economists, political scientists and historians teach that

more wars are caused by the factor of economics then by any other cause. We just need to look at our recent history to see that this is true. Saddam Hussein attacked Kuwait because of the economics of oil and the Western World retaliated against him because of the economics of oil. I believe that much of Russia’s military and foreign policy will be determined by economics of survival. Lets take a minute and look deeply at the social economic and political conditions in Russia.

General Aleksandr Lebed

After the collapse of the Soviet Union after 1990, the economy went into a spiral downward spend. There were strikes against poor working and living conditions; most farmers preferred not to sell their products but to use the barter system; the government had to use troops to pick potatoes from the field, because they didn’t have enough available machinery to do the job. The distribution system collapsed and most stores were empty; but, the illegal black market did business. Tobacco products and cigarettes were in very short supply and meat disappeared from the state stores. The housing conditions became worse and beggars appeared on the streets in greater numbers.

Political corruption and crime are also rampant in Russia. Ted Koppel of ABC News interviewed former National Security Chief, Aleksandr Lebed of Russia. Lebed confirms that the economic, and political situation is a prescription for civil war. Because of inveterate crime, robbery, thievery, and corruption in the state apparatus, Lebed wants to establish special forces to crack

down on it. He said, "the army is paid only every three or four months;" this and other hardships in the military presents undue strain on the soldiers and officers. Ted Koppel cited a CIA report that came out over two weeks ago which indicated poor morale in the army, and economic hardship. The report said that these conditions could cause a political crisis in Russia.⁹ Lebed said he wants to make Russia great. Could this mean that he wants to make Russia into an empire, which would be feared in the world? Some Russians believe that Lebed wants to be a dictator. Nevertheless, a lot of people don't like him because he is credible, honest, strong and can get things accomplished. Many people believe that if elections were held today he would win.

If General Lebed comes to power, I believe that there will be a continuation of the Cold War and the probability of a hot one. Lebed and other important Russians blame America for their problems. Many Russians say that under the communist dictatorships they didn't have the acute social, economic, and political problems, which they have today. Many wish for the return of the old days. When Mr. Koppel asked General Lebed about the expansion of NATO into Eastern Europe, Lebed replied, "We would have to use missiles."

Like all nations, Russia has to survive and build her economy. Russia needs to build an empire so she can become great again. She can't expand to the West because Western Europe is too strong and Europe will not tolerate that. Russia can not expand to the southeast because China is too strong. She can not expand to the North, because there is nothing there but the Arctic Ocean. The only weak point and direction to which she can expand is to the South.

It is to the South where Russia can expand her sphere of influence to regain her international stature as a world power. Russia might believe that for her economic survival she needs to enter into an agreement with the Arab world to the South. Now, let me continue with the saga of the prophet Ezekiel:

"And thou (Russia) shall come from thy peace out of the north parts, thou and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company and a mighty army: And thou shall come up against my people Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter day, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen (the nations) may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes (Ezekiel 38:15-16).

According to the prophet Ezekiel, the Russian army and its confederates shall descend from the North with many army corps and iron horses (tanks and other motorized units). Ezekiel said that there would be so many that they seem to cover the entire land of Israel. By the way, Israel is only a small country about a hundred and sixty miles long and thirty-five or forty miles wide. The prophet wrote that Gog and Magog would descend in the "latter days." The "latter days" is the time of divine justice when the Eternal Creator will judge all nations and men for their aggression and wickedness. It is also the time of the

restoration of the Jews to the State of Israel and their dwelling in security. Now for the climax:

“And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up into my face. For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel (Ezekiel 38: 18-19).

When Gog invades the little land of Israel with his mighty army, the Eternal God will become so angry that He will cause the earth to shake. This means that there will be a great earthquake in the land of Israel, which the Eternal God shall bring. For those who may not believe that the word “shaking” refers to an earthquake, I shall supply you with a definition from an authoritative source: “An earthquake is a sudden disturbance within the earth manifested at the surface by the “shaking of the ground.”¹² This earthquake will be accompanied by some common and uncommon manifestations:

“So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowl of the heavens, and the beast of the field and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all men that are upon the face of the earth (ground) shall shake at my presence, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall

shall fall to the ground” (Ez. 38:20).

The prophet Ezekiel reveals to us that when the Most High brings about the earthquake that not only will every creeping thing shake and tremble but also the birds which fly will feel the shaking by invisible shock waves and noise that permeate through the air. Moreover, if birds are walking on the ground or sitting on the branch or a tree they will feel the vibration of the ground and tree. However, the earthquake will affect the troops of the invading army differently:

“And I will call for a sword against him (Gogs army) throughout all my mountains. Saith the Lord God; every man’s sword shall be against his brother” (Ezekiel 38:21).

The sword, which the Almighty will evoke, is one of internecine destruction. Because of the earthquake, (caused by the wrath of God), He will cause Gog’s army to turn on one another. The soldiers will be in a state of confusion because of the surprise and suddenness of the earthquake. No doubt mechanized forces such as tracked wheeled vehicles, tanks, armor units including trucks will swirl out of control because of the trembling of the earth.

“And I will plead him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him and upon his hands, and upon many

people that are with him, and overflow rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstones (Ezekiel 38:2).

Ezekiel wrote that God, the Creator, would strike Gog and his army with pestilence. Could this be biological and chemical warfare employed by one nation against another? When Gog shall come against Israel, the Creator will bring down torrential rain, large hailstones and brimstones, was he thinking literally? Or are these manifestations of natural phenomena symbolic of nuclear weapons, rapid firing missiles and other various bombs? In ancient times man could not know and understand the name of modern weapons, in view of this, he used the words and terms that would be familiar to him in his day.¹³ Could Ezekiel have been thinking literally and symbolically? If so, we can expect the forces of nature and the destructive weapons of man to play a part in the annihilation of Gog's army. Ezekiel revealed to us that when this catastrophic event will occur the Eternal One will be magnified, sanctified and be known in the eyes of many nations. (Ezekiel 38:23)

Additional Invasions

There will be more than one invasion of the Middle East and the land of Israel, which will span over many years.¹⁴ There will be a series of military campaigns after December 14, 1997 and extending up to the year 1999 and beyond. I mentioned the date December 14, 1997 because my wife, Mary and I had a lady as a guest in our home. This lady, I consider her to be spiritual. During our discussion of the Bible and world events, she asked me

point blank: "Do the year 1997 mean anything to you?" I answered "yes!" and I queried her "Why do you ask?" "I had a vision of a fiery sword", she said, "then 1994 appeared, then the number changed to 1997 and the voice said final." I said to her, "A fiery sword meant war." Then I told her my dream, which I had written down in my dream book. The voice said to me, "The war will be in twenty-two months." I said to my guess that her vision confirms that my dream would surely be established because of its duality.¹⁵ I dreamed this dream on February 14, 1996. The year 1999 also looms high among several sources and prominent people as the second stage or climax of World War III. Nostradamus wrote in the following quatrain:

"The scythe joined with the pond
toward sagittarius at the high point of its
ascendant. Plague, famine, death by
military hand, the century approaches
its renewal."

I.16

The above first two lines are written in cryptic astrological language, which the astrologer understands and this is very common with Nostradamus. The Roman god Saturn was known to hold a scythe in his hand and the woman of the sign Aquarius pours water making a pond. Our astrologer knew that when there will be a certain configuration of Saturn, and Aquarius toward Sagittarius at the end of the century, (1999) war would be unleashed.¹⁶

Jean Dixon, the psychic, confirmed the year 1999 as one of disaster. She wrote her position; "As the armies

begin to move on the Middle East about 1999, Russian MIRVs and FOBSSs will rain down a nuclear holocaust upon our coastal cities both east and west.”¹⁷

Middle East Scenario

There might be a limited military conflict in the Middle East before the close of 1997 or thereafter involving the West against certain area states. This could be attributed to an oil crisis, terrorists operation or a land seizure similar to what Saddam did when he seized Kuwait in 1990. However, we learn from several sources, and particularly, from the book of Daniel that there will be three or four military campaigns or invasions against the State of Israel. According to Daniel, the king of the South and his allies will launch the initial attack:

“And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ship; and he shall overflow and pass over” (Daniel 11:40).

Daniel said, “at the time of the end,” this means after the redemption and restoration of the Jews to the land of Israel when this century comes to an end. The king of the South is the leader of an Arabic coalition of states invading from the south attacking Israel. This Arabic coalition could be any of the following countries: Egypt, Libya, Sudan, Arabia or any country in the Middle East whose might

station troops in these countries. The king of the North is the leader of Israel or/and her allies from North America and Northwestern Europe.¹⁸ At this time, no doubt the, Russians will be supporting the Arab states.

“He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon” (Daniel 11:41).

The king of the North will come like a hurricane against the king of the South and enter into the Arab countries and succeed. He shall enter into “the glorious land”, this means the land of Israel will come under his influence. The land of Moab, Ammon and Edom belongs to Jordan today and the king of the North will consider Jordan to be of no importance nor a threat.

“He shall stretch for his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. But he shall have power over the treasurer of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps” (Daniel 11:42).

The king of Europe will invade Egypt and she “shall not escape”; Egypt shall not survive”. This is probably an indication that the current peace treaty between Israel and

Egypt will not hold. No doubt Egypt will be allied with the other Arab states. "Libyans and Ethiopians (Sudanes) shall be at his steps". Here, we have a hint that the Libyans and Ethiopians will be trodden under the steps (feet) of the king of the North.

The Biblical prophecies reveal that all nations will come against Jerusalem to battle meaning that they will fight in the Middle East; but Jerusalem will be the focal point.²⁰ Now, we have another invader:

"But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: Therefore, he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. And He shall plant the tabernacle of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him" (Daniel 11: 44-45).

Hearing the unwelcomed news from the East and North, the beast who represent the revival Roman Empire, will be disturbed. He will go forth with madness to destroy and conquer. Then, he establishes his headquarters in the Holy Land; and he is obviously defeated by the kings of the East and the North. The kings of the East could represent Japan, China, Mongolia, or they could represent the Muslim states in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Indonesia.

The beast who is also known by some as the antichrist, hear disturbing news "out of the North." Russia is located due North of Israel. Now, after the collapse of the USSR in 1991, the Muslim states in southern Russia voted for independence and became known as CIS

(Commonwealth of Independent States). These states are Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, and Chechnya who's fighting the Russians for her independence at the present time. Most of these independent Muslim states in southern Russia feel a deeper affinity to the Muslim countries to the South such as Turkey, Iraq, Iran, and Afghanistan. In addition, many could join the Eastern Asiatic steps in their invasion of Israel. Remember! The Muslim Commonwealth of Independent States are located North of the land of Israel, and these states are to whom Daniel could have been referring to when he wrote of the "tidings...out of the north."

It is obvious that the king of northwest Europe will be successful in the beginning; we know this because the forty-fourth verse reads: "he shall go forth with great fury to destroy..." However, we also learn that after he leaves the continent of Africa and sets up his palace headquarters in the Holy Land (between the seas), his adversary defeats him "and none shall help him."

Nostradamus wrote, also, of an eastern invader:

"The year 1999, seventh month from the sky will come a great King of Terror: To bring back to life the great King of the Mongols, Before and after Mars to reign by good luck.

X.72

In this quatrain Nostradamus wrote of a king of terror who is suppose to strike in the year 1999 probably by

supersonic jets and missiles. Most scholars on the prophet maintain that the French word "Angolmois" is an anagram for Mongols; and that we could have an invasion by the Mongolian races.²¹ However, if the above quatrain has a figurative meaning, it could refer to some nation in the Middle East who will be like the previous gruesome Mongols. In astrology, Mars represents the planet of war and at the time of the King of Terror it will "reign by good luck: this mean it will prosper and influence the political climate for war.

Nostradamus' Omission

Our prophet Nostradamus wrote extensively about global problems, conflicts and future peace. However, he wrote very little about Israel and the city of Jerusalem. The only crystal clear quatrain that I have found that indicates Israel is the following:

"New law to occupy the new land
Toward Syria, Judea, and Palestine:
The great barbarian empire to decay,
Before the moon completes its
Cycle.

III.97

There may be other quatrains that refer to Israel and Jerusalem but they are enigmatic and not expressly stated.

As I reflected more and more about the early life of Nostradamus, it occurred to me that his ancestry was Jewish. His father had converted to Catholicism and Nostradamus was raised a Catholic.²² During his lifetime,

the Inquisitions were operating throughout Western Europe and one of their main functions was to root out heresy among Catholics. They targeted and watched Jews very carefully. On one occasion, Nostradamus made a religious statement about a work, which the workman didn't like, and he reported Nostradamus to the Inquisitions. As a result, he had to leave town suddenly. Because of this social climate prevailing in Europe, I believe that Nostradamus had to be careful not to write about affairs that appeared to be too Jewish. The authorities of the Inquisitions, no doubt, would have believed that Jewish subjects and words expressed a disloyalty to the Church; and this could be designated as heresy.²³ At various times, a person found guilty of heresy could have been burned at the stake.

In view of the above, it is not strange that Nostradamus didn't mention any specific details of the five wars that the State of Israel had with the Arabs, nor the Intifada, nor any peace treaty Israel has with Jordan and Egypt. Our French prophet didn't even write about the city of Jerusalem, which is holy to the three major religions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. But, the Hebrew prophets wrote many details about this city, which you will learn in the next chapter.

Chapter IV

The Battles for Jerusalem

King David made Jerusalem his capitol around the tenth century B.C. It was a Jewish city for about a thousand years before it was destroyed finally by the Romans in 70 A.D. Assyrians, Babylonians, Greeks, Syrians, Egyptians, Arabs, Crusaders, and Turks had assaulted this city, over the years. The city of Jerusalem is a magnate for international tension. The three major religions Judaism, Christianity, and Islam have their religious shrines in Jerusalem; and the emotional attachments to these shrines are deep. Another fact that adds to the tension is that the Palestinians want Jerusalem for their capitol. Moreover, the State of Israel will, no doubt, be the envy of the entire world because of its strategic location. Israel is the land bridge and center to the three major continents of Africa, Asia and Europe. There are many nations on these major continents that would like to conquer and control Israel because of its vital link to the Mediterranean Sea, the Suez Canal and to the oil of the Persian Gulf. These military imperialistic minded nations feel that if they can control the oil, propaganda, and politics of this region this would put them in a good position to dominate the Middle East. The above points are the mundane motives why the future imperialistic nations are likely to go to war.

However, the Creator of the universe revealed to his servants the prophets that He has a higher spiritual reason for the assembly of the various nations to the Middle East and to fight against Jerusalem. The Creator said this battle

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will transpire at the time of the restoration of the Jews to the Land of Israel; but the restoration is not complete according to the prophet (Joel in 3:1-2).

“I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations and parted my land.”

The Creator said that he is going to gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. “All nations” mean representatives of the primary nations of the world and not necessarily their colonies or subdivisions.¹ The “Valley of Jehoshaphat,” this word means the judgement of the Lord. Jehoshaphat was one of the kings of Judah in the ninth century B.C., because he was victorious over his enemies in the valley near Tekoa; he named that valley Beracah; others called it the Valley of Jehoshaphat because of the king’s victory (II Chronicles 20:14-26). In this valley, the Creator judged the three invading armies from Moab, Ammon and Edom.

The Creator God will bring all nations into the land of Israel to plead with them there. How does the Creator plead and judge the wicked nations? He accomplishes it through war, pestilence, natural diseases and famine. In the book of Joel 3:2, the prophet mentioned two salient issues, which have been in the international news for years, they are: the legal right of the State of Israel to exist and the division of Palestine or Israel among the Palestinians. The

prophet, Joel said that God would plead for His people, and His heritage, Israel. By this statement, it is an emphatic confirmation that the Eternal Creator recognizes the restoration of the State of Israel, hence Israel's right to exist. Also, the prophet maintains that the Creator will plead and judge the nations because they want to divide up the land of Israel. This is the position of the Creator according to the prophet Joel, who prophesized over twenty five hundred years ago.

“Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles;
(nations) Prepare war wake up the
mighty men, let all the men of war draw
near; let them come up. Beat your
plowshares into swords and your
pruning hooks into spears: Let the weak
say, I am strong” (Joel 3:9-10).

God the Creator has summoned the nations to prepare for war. “Beat your plowshares into swords”.... The prophet uses agricultural metaphors to invoke the nations to convert their domestic and farming services into instruments of war. Even the third world and weak nations will say they are strong because they will possess modern technical equipment that they didn't have 20 years ago.

“Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye
heathen (nations), and gather yourselves
together round about: thither cause thy

mighty ones to come down, O Lord”
(Joel 3:11).

Many of the nations will mobilize their armies and surround the land of Israel and Jerusalem.

“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup
of trembling unto all the people round
about, when they shall be in the siege
both against Judah and against
Jerusalem. And in that day I will make
Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all
people: all that burden themselves with
it shall be cut in pieces, though all the
people of the earth be gathered together
against it” (Zechariah 12:2-3).

The city of Jerusalem is described as a large cup or bowl to which the nations of the earth are summoned to drink the broth and it intoxicates them causing them to stagger and fall.² The second metaphor used above compares Jerusalem to a burdensome stone. In ancient times, the construction engineers used large stones in building their temples and palaces, weighting many tons, and requiring the service of thousands of workers of which many lost their lives. The point that the prophet wants to convey here is that when the nations come to invade Jerusalem, it is as though they have taken on the task of lifting a very heavy stone, which will eventually fall and crush them. According to the Hebrew prophets, those nations which attacks Israel and divide up that land will be

judged and destroyed as it is confirmed in the following verse:

“And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.”
(Zechariah 12:9).

“Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe... for their wickedness is great.”
(Zechariah 3:13)

The Eternal Creator told the prophet to put “in the sickle.” In ancient times when the harvest of barley and wheat was ripe, the farmers would cut the harvest down with a sickle. In this situation the wickedness of the nations is compared to the harvest of crops. The wickedness of the invading nations has become full so to speak, complete and has come full cycle; they must pay for their evilness.

“Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the Valley of decision” (Zechariah 3:13)

“Multitudes, multitudes,” this means hundreds of thousands of soldiers. The double wording is for emphasis; and this is an ellipsis says Rosenberg³, the words “will fall” are missing. The meaning is: multitudes will fall “in the valley of decision for the day of the Lord is near....” “What

is “the day of the Lord?” It is the day when the Eternal One will fight with his celestial army; the “day of the Lord is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?” It is a day when the Creator will show “wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, fire, and pillars of smoke.”

A Time of Trouble for Israel

There will be more than one campaign or invasion against the land of Israel by Gog and Mogog.⁵ The ancient sages of Israel discussed concerning three military campaigns to be fought against Israel. The first war of Gog is mentioned in the 38th chapter of Ezekiel and the second war is mentioned in the 39th chapter. The third and final war when Gog will actually force himself into the city of Jerusalem is described in Zechariah 14. The wars of Gog are alluded to in the books of Joel, Daniel, and Zechariah although Gog is not mentioned by name.

“Behold the day of the Lord cometh and thy soil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city” (Zechariah 14:1-2).

The “day of the Lord cometh.” This means when the Eternal One will reveal Himself in active judgement and

summon many nations against Jerusalem for battle. At this time, the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, the spoil divided in its midst, the women raped, and half of the city will go into captivity. How sad a time this will be for the Jewish people! There probably has not been a horrible time like this since the nazi Holocaust. Now, the question is why will the All Wise Creator suffer such a disaster to happen? The answer is two-fold:

First of all, the Eternal seeks to bring Israel and the righteous gentiles through the tribulation (a time of dire trouble (Daniel 12:1) so that Israel can take stock of itself and move closer to the Creator. Many times when men and women endure suffering, it is during this time that there is a greater proclivity to look inward and correct their faults. I believe that the Creator wants the Jews to be better examples and a greater light to the nations so that they can render spiritual illumination to the world, by sharing more of their wisdom and spiritual knowledge so that they can bring to humanity a greater morality. Most of the Jews are a good people but, there is a minority that God the Creator have decided must suffer in the tribulation (Isaiah 48:10, Zechariah 13:8-9) to purify them in the fire of affliction.

Now, the second reason why the Creator will permit the nations to capture Jerusalem and be victorious, temporarily, is to punish them for their iniquity. In this regard, the following is written: "For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity... (Isaiah 26:21). Suddenly, the Most High reverses the fortune of the wicked and the tide of battle is changed.

"Then shall the Lord go forth and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle" (Zechariah 14:3).

The Creator fought for Israel "in the day of battle" when Pharaoh and his army pursued after Israel at the Red Sea (Exodus 14:13-14).

"And his feet shall stand in that day on the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem, on the East and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof towards the East and towards the West and there shall be a very great valley and half of the mountain shall be removed towards the North and half of it towards the South" (Zechariah 14:4).

The Creator will go forth to fight for Israel "and His feet shall stand": The word feet⁶ is figurative and it represents the fact that the Creator is the cause of the miracle on the Mount of Olives. There will be an earthquake in this part of the world during this time and the Mount of Olives will split in half causing the formation of a great valley extending westward towards Jerusalem and extending eastward towards the Jordan River. As a result of this quake, half of the Mount of Olives will move towards the north and the other towards the south. It is apparent from the description of the earthquake that this will be a very powerful one, probably of the magnitude of an eight or nine on the Richter scale⁷. The Creator will use the forces of

nature to fight against these nations when they attack Jerusalem. The amount of damage, casualties, and fatalities of this quake will depend not only on its magnitude, but on the location of its epicentre and the density of the population of soldiers in that given area.

When this earthquake happens, it will be a day of hope and deliverance to the Jews. The fifth verse reveals that the Jews will flee to the valley of the mountains, this means away from the enemies of the Jews, as they fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah, King of Judah. Then, "the Lord my God shall come and all the saints (holy ones, or angels) with thee." "With thee" refers to the city of Jerusalem. The Creator God, accompanied by his angels, will enter Jerusalem (and be with his people) and complete the destruction of the enemy.

"And the Lord shall be King over all the earth: in that day there shall be one Lord, and his name one" (Zechariah 14:9).

The concept of monotheism will be international. The Eternal Creator alone will be professed and worshipped everywhere by the nations that attacked Jerusalem. They will confess that the Creator is the sovereign over all the earth and He directs the actions of the celestial entities as well as the earthly ones. This acknowledgement comes as a result of the miracles performed by the Creator, which rendered Israel victorious. After the defeat of the invaders, the nations shall forsake their vain concept of God and acknowledge the Creator, that He is one and that there is no

strange god with Him.⁸ Following these events, Israel will be the light of the world.

"Thus, saith the Lord of host; in those days it shall come to pass, that ten men will take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirts of him that is a Jew, saying we will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you" (Zechariah 8:23).

The various nations of the earth will come to Jerusalem and to the Jews to learn about the ways and laws of the Creator because they will be convinced that the Eternal Creator is with the Jews.⁹ It is interesting what Jean Dixon, a devout Catholic and American psychic, said about the Jews, "I believe that the rise of the State of Israel like that of early Christianity, is the answer to a loving God to provide man with an opportunity for a new era. I see the providential role of the Jews all over the world, especially in America assuring Israel of the existence and greatness God promised to Abraham and Moses for its mission to the world... It is entering upon a new spiritual renaissance."¹⁰ Referring to the Christian Messiah, Jean Dixon said, "He left as a Jew and will return as a Jew..."

The Beast

The Cruel Leader of Europe

The beast will most likely play a great role in the peace negotiations in the Arab Israeli conflict. Who is the beast? He is the leader of the revived Roman Empire. According to Daniel, he is the fourth Kingdom or empire on the face of the earth.

“After this I saw in the night a vision and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth; it devoured and brake in pieces and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; it had ten horns” (Daniel 7:7).

This Kingdom or beast was so ferocious and gruesome that there was not found any beast in the animal Kingdom to compare unto it, therefore, it was not given a name. The three previous beasts were given names such as the lion, the bear, and the leopard.” The fact that the fourth beast had iron teeth; this is an indication of the superior destructive power of this beast. The fourth beast, symbolize the ancient Roman Empire and it had ten horns. Some scholars think that the ten horns will probably be the ten divisions of the future resurrected Roman Empire. Then, again the number ten could be a round number representing a group of nations, which will emerge from the ancient Roman Empire.

“Thus he said, the fourth beast shall be the fourth Kingdom upon the earth,

which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces” (Daniel 7:23).

Not only was the fourth beast or kingdom more terrible than the others, but also it devoured or conquered the whole earth. This means that it conquered the world not only by the sword, but also by its cultural, ideological and political system. This empire made its influence felt throughout Asia, North and South America, Africa, the islands of the seas, and all over Europe by passing its culture to Europe; then Europe passed it to its colonies by conquest.

“And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise; and another shall rise after them; and he shall subdue three kings” (Daniel 7:24).

There will arise ten or more kingdoms out of the territory of the ancient Roman Empire, then there will arise another horn or king, and this last king will conquer three of the ten kings. Now, this last horn or king is the same horn written in Daniel 7:8; here he is known as the “little horn;” also, this horn had “eyes like the eyes of a man” and a mouth speaking great things.” Daniel, the seer didn’t speak about the rest of the ten horns having eyes or mouths. In view of this fact, this is an indication that the little horn with the eyes and mouth is a great orator and he possesses extraordinary senses with the power to persuade thousands

of people. In the following verse, the king of the little horns is described in more detail:

“And the King shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished; for that, that is determined shall be done” (Daniel 11:36).

This new king of Europe will be the epitome of evil; he will be an atheist, blasphemous, liar, egotistical, and arrogant. Referring to the fourth beast and the little horns, Daniel wrote in chapter 7:19-25, that the little horn made war with the saints. This means that the king that symbolizes the little horn will continually persecute the Jews and the other righteous people of the earth. This ruthless king or leader will be head of the resurrected Roman Empire, although, it will probably not be called by that name but, it will be a united Europe. It is already in the formulation stages. Today, this group of nations is known as the EC (European Community), which is nicknamed the Common Market.

Now, Daniel revealed to us more about the fourth kingdom when he interpreted the dream of King Nebuchanezzar of Babylon.

“And the fourth Kingdom shall be strong as iron.... And whereas thou

sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron the Kingdom shall be divided...” (Daniel 2:40-41)

At its inception, the fourth Kingdom (Rome) was one empire. But, in the third century Emperor Diocletian divided the western part of the Roman Empire with the establishment of emperors of both east and west. The East was called (Byzantine) the Eastern Roman Empire (395-474 AD) and the West called the Western Roman Empire (395-476).¹² This empire was divided not only geographically but, religiously over the controversy of iconoclasm within the Eastern Church; this prepared the way for the break with the Roman Church of the West. With this division, the words of Daniel proved true; “the Kingdom shall be divided.”

Again, Daniel wrote that the fourth beast or Kingdom would have ten horns. This means that the fourth Kingdom would develop into a confederation of various states comprising Rome, the Capitol of Italy. Although, the ancient Roman Empire included lands in North Africa, the Middle East and Europe, the future Roman Empire will primarily be situated in Western Europe. It will be this way for several reasons: (1) As stated above, the ancient Roman Empire became divided, and the eastern part was mostly in Asia Minor, the Middle East and North Africa, which eventually became Islamic. (2.) The only part of the Roman Empire that fundamentally remained Roman in culture, religion, politics, architecture, and language was Western Europe.

Now, concerning the ten horns, I believe that they represent the ten primary ancient tribes in Western Europe, they are the Sueve, the Jutes, the Lombards, the Ostogoths, the Visigoths, the Vandals, the Franks, the Burgundians, the Angles, and the Saxons. These tribes spread all over Western Europe and some parts of Eastern Europe. In ancient times, Rome conquered many of these tribes and their lands; also, they became part of the Roman Empire. After the fall of Rome in 476 A.D., these ten Germanic tribes gradually evolved into nation states. These states, Germanic in origin, eventually developed into more than ten nations. But, basically, they sprang from the ten primary German tribes who migrated over most of Europe. Now, when Daniel wrote of the ten horns he meant the ten primary tribes. But remember that these tribes subdivided and developed into more than ten nations. So in the resurrection of the Roman Empire, expect to see more than ten nations; and the little horn will lead these 'ten nations' confederacy. Remember, Daniel said that the little horn came up among the ten horns.

The Revival of the Roman Empires

There were several revivals after the collapse of the Roman Empire in the year 476 A.D. One was in the year 800 A.D., when Charlemagne the Great, was crowned emperor of the Holy Roman Empire by Italian ecclesiastics. This empire endured for one thousand years until the advent of Napoleon in 1804. The empire was thought of by the Germans as the First Reich (empire).¹³

The German Empire of 1871-1918 was frequently referred to as the Second Reich to indicate its descent from the medieval empire; by the same rational Adolf Hitler called Nazi Germany, the Third Reich and stated that it would last a thousand years. No doubt, Hitler uttered these words because the medieval Holy Roman Empire endured for one thousand years; also, German emperors who were crowned by the popes of Rome ruled it.

There will be another resurrection of the Roman Empire and it is in its formulation stages right now. As I said before, it will probably not be called the Roman Empire and that name is not important. The point, which is important, is that the new empire or confederation will be centralized in Western Europe, which was the area of the ancient Roman Empire, in the West, after it separated from the Eastern Empire. Secondly, most of the nations that will belong to this new confederation should share most of the cultural entities of ancient Rome. Such as, politics, language, religion, architecture, and art. There are some who believe as I do, that the organization known as the European Economic Community (EEC) is the ten horns of Daniel's visions.

In 1957, six nations met in Italy and ratified an agreement known as the Treaty of Rome. They established an organization called the European Economic Community, nicknamed the Common Market. Those initial nations were France, Belgium, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, West Germany, and Italy. The United Kingdom, Denmark and Ireland acquired membership in 1973, Greece, in 1981, and Portugal and Spain, in 1986. As of 1992, there were twelve members and this number could even grow higher, if not

already. What was the purpose for the Common Market? "These were its chief aims: (1) to facilitate the removal of barriers and to trade among member nations, (2) to establish a single commercial policy towards nonmember countries, (3) to eventually, coordinate transportation systems and agricultural policies, (4) to remove private and public measures to restrict free competition, and (5) the assurance of the mobility of labor, capital, and entrepreneurship."

The composition of the EEC is divided into four primary organs, the Council of Ministers, the Court of Justice, the Commission, and the European Parliament; also, there are two additional branches that serve the EEC – the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community. The European Community has another component called the European Monetary System, which became effective in 1979. This system links the currencies of EEC member countries so as to prevent excessive daily rise and fall in monetary rates.¹⁴

In subsequent meetings of the EEC, (for example the one in Maastricht, Neth., on Dec. 9-10, 1991) the members agreed to maintain closer intercourse between member nations by common policies on immigration, international affairs and security. The process of creating a Common Market Bank and a single currency will most likely reach fruition by 1999. In the area of security and defense, the Gulf War, in 1991, and the Bosnia/Serbia conflict have awoken the Western European Union (WEU) to a future need for the coordination of military forces for security and to be prepared for any international conflict¹⁵. As you can see, the EEC has the infrastructure and characteristics of a

magnanimous empire or confederation similar to ancient Rome. Remember this confederation had its inception in Rome; and they called the accord they formed the Treaty of Rome. So pay attention to the coming united Europe and the Common Market. In addition, watch Germany, she will be a key player in the united Europe. As the situation exists now, Germany, a defeated nation in World War II, is the leading industrial giant in the heart of Western Europe with almost 80,000,000 people. There is no nation in Western Europe that comes close to her population that suffered defeat.

A united Europe will make its impact felt more on the global scale in the coming months or few years. The development of certain events in the North African and Asian world will motivate the EEC to act in the political, economic, and/or military sectors. The Common Market nations will most likely act under the following conditions: (1) if there is a security threat to Europe from North Africa, (2) if there is an interruption of oil from the Persian Gulf region, (3) a military attack on Europe from the Middle East, (4) an attack of an Arab nation that supplies oil to Western Europe, (5) the exacerbation of the Arab-Israeli conflict, (6) or a terrorist attack on Europe so devastating that it would require a military response to the place of its origin.

Like all empires of the past, a united Europe would need a shrewd and strong politician to lead it. In past times there was Thotmos the III of Egypt, Alexander of Greece, Augusta Caesar of Rome, Charlemagne of the Franks, Napoleon of France, and the notorious Hitler of Germany, just to name a few. In a world plagued by war, the threat of

war, famine, earthquakes, and terrorist attacks, the masses of the people will be looking for a savior or strong leader to bring security, order, and peace to a chaotic planet. Then, such a man will emerge out of Europe and intervene in the Arab-Israeli crisis. He will probably broker a peace deal in the Middle East and be proclaimed a saviour. But ironically, the world will be surprised. This leader will be the little horn, which became the stout or great horn mentioned in Daniel 7:8 and 7:20. This horn or leader had "eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth speaking great things". In other words, he will be eloquent and mesmerize the masses with his arrogant diatribe and the masses will follow after him; but shortly, they will be surprised.

"And he shall speak great words against the Most High and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws..." (Daniel 7:25).

The above verse is referring to the little horn or the singular horn that rose up among the ten horns (see Daniel 7:8 and 7:20). There are various opinions concerning who is the little horn who speaks against the Most High. Some say it is Titus,¹⁶ the destroyer of the city of Jerusalem. Others say it is a religious leader. There is one thing that most scholars agree on and that is the little horn will emerge from the Roman Empire or the territory once ruled by the emperors of Rome and I am particularly speaking of Western Europe. I believe that the little horn represents more than one person because he symbolizes an institution

of evil deceit. When the institution endures for hundreds of years, there will be more than one person leading it, although the institution or organization is one. In the days of the last temple in Jerusalem, the little horn, no doubt, could have been General Titus, who defiled and destroyed the city. His earlier counterpart and likeness was Antiochus Epiphanes (175-163 B.C.) who desecrated the temple and forbade the Jewish laws. Another person who could be considered the little horn was Emperor Hadrian of Rome (117-138 A.D.). Hadrian agreed to permit the Jews to build the temple and then he reneged. He spoke out against the true God and desecrated Jewish holy places. He rebuilt Jerusalem as a pagan city and renamed it Aelia Capitolina. He erected the pagan god Jupiter on the Temple Mount and set up statues of Venus and Adonis in the Holy Land. He placed the emblem of a swine head on the South Gate of the wall of Jerusalem. He interdicted circumcision and the observance of the Sabbath and persecuted the Christians and Jews. There were many evil men who changed the times and laws of the Creator God, for example, Antiochus Epiphanes,¹⁷ Emperor Hadrian, Emperor Titus, and many more. The future leader of a united Europe will be a type and shadow of the little horn and a king of fierce countenance mentioned by Daniel.

"And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up" (Daniel 8:23).

The clause: "And in the latter time of their kingdom" should have been translated from the Hebrew as follows: at the end of their kingdom; this means after the collapse of their kingdom. The Hebrew words: *oo v achar malchutam* which means: at the end of their kingdoms. Kingdom were the four divisions (kingdoms) of the empire of Alexander the Great mentioned in Daniel 8:21. Then after the fall of the Greek Empire, arose the Roman Empire, and the "king of fierce countenance" mentioned above was General Titus who conquered Jerusalem with much slaughter.

"And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people" (Daniel 8:24).

Still referring to Titus, he was powerful because his father, Vespasian, was commander-in-chief of the Eastern Roman army and Titus served on his general staff. Also, Titus was intelligent and shrewd. This enabled him to destroy all his opponents and enemies. He destroyed and defiled the Holy Temple in Jerusalem by burning it and fornicating with a prostitute in it. Moreover, before the war was over, the Roman legions were walking in Jewish blood up to their ankles. Titus prospered in politics and succeeded his father as emperor of Rome in 79 A.D.

"And through his policy (cunning) also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in

his heart, and by peace he shall destroy many; he shall also stand up against the prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hands" (Daniel 8:25).

Titus used his shrewdness to achieve his purpose and when the Jews thought they were secure from danger, Titus slaughtered many of them. Because of his victories, he exalted himself and became puffed up and died a slow death by means of an insect. Now, let's return to the future little horn.

The little horn or future leader of the revived Roman Empire (or confederation) will no doubt, place the Middle East conflicts as top priority, on his agenda like President Jacque Chirac of France, is trying to do. In the fall of 1996, Chirac went to the Middle East and supported the Palestinians.¹⁸ It is evident that France wants to play a great role in Middle Eastern affairs. The new leader of Europe will attempt to get the Israelis to surrender more land to the Palestinians in order to bring peace and the Israelis will probably sign an agreement to this effect. Although, there are some factions in Israel who wouldn't like this arrangement; never the less, the ruling party will likely ratify it to obtain a defense treaty with an emerging new Europe. There will probably be a seven years peace treaty like there was with General Titus.¹⁹ Then, the little horn will break the peace treaty within the seven years period as written in Daniel 9:27(see footnote 19 for details). But, while the peace holds, the little horn will be proclaimed the saviour of the world. However, this leader

of Europe will be the arch devil and plunge the world into war.

“...and he shall magnify himself in his heart and by peace he shall destroy many...” (Daniel 8:25).

As King Antiochus, General Titus and Emperor Hadrian did in ancient times, the little horn shall go forth to destroy. He will behave in many respects like Adolph Hitler. Hitler became arrogant and magnified himself above all. He had no regard for humanity or any god. Hitler signed a peace non-aggression pact with Stalin of Russia. Then, he abrogated it and invaded that country during W.W. II. Hitler slaughtered 20,000,000 Russians and the little horn will probably be like him. Again, Hitler signed a friendship declaration with Prime Minister Chamberlain of England in 1938, in which he had no intentions of keeping. Chamberlain had hoped that the signing would have brought peace in his time. How mistaken he was. In the following year, Hitler plunged the world into war, killing millions of Christians and six million Jews. Like Hitler, the little horn, “by peace he shall destroy many.”

All hell will break loose after the signing of the peace treaties and the partitioning of the land of Israel.

“I will also gather all nations (for war), and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and I will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have

scattered among the nations, and parted my land.” (Joel 3:1-2)

The Creator, God, will bring many of the nations to the Middle East for war and there He will judge them (see the early pages of this chapter for details). Why will He judge them? Because many of the nations of the world believe that Israel has no right to exist; they believe that Israel belong to the Palestinians and that the land of Israel should be partitioned, divided up. This would lead to the establishment of a Palestinian state; and according to the prophets, mainly Joel; this would lead to all our war. Yasir Arafat has already said that he will proclaim a Palestinian state in 1999. The Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu's reply to the announcement of Arafat was: “that will be a mistake.”

In the prophetic text of Joel, two principle themes stand out. The first is the right for Israel to exist. And secondly, the partition of Palestine. I shall say with profound solemnity that these two unresolved issues would spark a war so terrible that the suffering on all sides will be unimaginable. The right of Israel to exist, is implied in the clause, “... and ‘I’ will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage, Israel...” The division of the land of Israel, in modern times, first happened in 1947, when the United Nations voted to divide Palestine into two states, one Jewish and the other Arab. In the following year on June 15, 1948, the Jews accepted the decision of the UN and declared a Jewish State in the area which they controlled. The Arabs and the Palestinians declined to accept the resolution of the UN, to establish a Palestinian

Arab state in their territory, and opted to go to war, hoping to drive the Jews into the Sea.²⁰

The Impasse

The Palestinians want a state of their own and many people throughout the world feel that they should rule themselves. The question is, will the Palestinians be satisfied with their present territory or will the self rule that has been granted to them, by Israel be just enough to wet their appetite to want all of Israel? This question concerns many Israelis. On the other hand, there are many Israelis, who believe that Arafat is not sincere and that he is just biding his time to gain a better opportunity to attack Israel, in the future. The Israelis say that the Palestinians have not changed that part of their charter that calls for the destruction of the State of Israel as agreed in Oslo, Norway. Another piece of negative news is that Arafat is stock piling weapons.²¹ In addition, the Palestinians are unwavering on the issue that Palestine belongs to them and they have not lost hope of regaining all of it.

It is an established fact that the Jews lived in Israel long before the Arabs conquered it in the 7th Century. The Arabs took Palestine from the Byzantine Roman Empire. When this occurred, most Jews had already been exiled from their homeland, although, a small number still remain there. Over many centuries, the Jews never lost hope of returning to their land. In fact, the prophets of Israel, prophesized in more than thirty places in the Hebrew scriptures that the Jews would return to the land of Israel²². This, in itself, confirms the fact that the Creator, God recognizes the re-

establishment of the State of Israel. The Creator, God said that "the earth is mine" (Exodus 19:5, Deuteronomy 10:14). The Palestinians says that the land in Israel belongs to them. But, the Eternal God, referring to the land of Israel, said that the nations have scattered his people, Israel, and parted up his land (Joel 3:2). Now, do you understand that the land of Israel belongs to the Creator and He gives it to whomever He please. This is what the prophet Joel wrote over two thousand years ago. This is the impasse on the question of the land of Israel. At this time, I want to make one point very clear, according to Joel, the prophet, the nations and the Palestinians don't recognize Israel right to exist; and/or if they seek to divide up the land of Israel, the Creator said, He will judge them (Joel 3:12). Now, the little horn will emerge to seize the opportunity to project him on the world stage.

The Climax and Doom of The Little Horn

The little horn will emerge from (or create) a world Empire of influence. He will formulate a world economic system, an international currency exchange, will advocate a one world religion, he will attempt to impose his control over Jerusalem, and set up a plan to destroy the Jews and other righteous people. As I said before, the little horn will increase his world prestige by bringing peace in the Middle East. Then, after he has acquired world acclaim, he will begin to impose his will on the various nations by force.

Remember, “by peace he shall destroy many”. He will destroy those who will not accept his domination.

“I beheld and the same horn made war with the saints and prevailed against them” (Daniel 7:21).

The little horn from the Empire in Europe will fight also against the saints; the saints are the righteous Jews and other people that follow them. The little horn will prevail for a while.

“I held them because of the voice of the great words, which the horn spake: I beheld even till the heart was slain and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame” (Daniel 7:11).

Take notice that the little horn mentioned in Daniel 7:8. He has become large and he is simply referred to as the horn in the eleventh verse. This same horn spoke proud words against the Creator.²³

“The beast was slain...” this means that his kingdom and governmental infrastructure was destroyed by fire from the Almighty or that He caused the Messiah and the other nations to annihilate the horn and the beast.

“I beheld till the thrones were cast down (set down), and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool;

his throne was like the fiery flames, and his wheels as burning fire” (Daniel 7:9).

The thrones were set down and established. Daniel saw in his dream the imagery of “the Ancient of days” sitting on his throne. The Ancient One is the Creator who is the first and the last. (Isaiah 41:4 and 46:10) Daniel gives us a descriptive account, with dramatic affects, revealing to us the Creator preparing to judge the world as we learn in the next verse. The white hair only symbolizes God’s ancientness that He is from the beginning. Mark of the content in this verse is symbolic. The Creator doesn’t need a throne to sit down on because He is not material. Scriptures speak in the language of man so that he can understand. The dramatic effect is rendered so that man can visualize the message of God sitting on his throne²⁴ judging the world, as an earthly judge would do.

“A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him; thousand thousands ministered unto Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the judgement was set, and the books were opened” (Daniel 7:10).

As the Creator sat on his throne, a fiery scream projected from before him. The psalmist tells us that “a fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about” (Psalms 97:3). This could be the same fire that destroyed the beast in Daniel 7:11. In addition, thousands of angels attended upon God’s thrones²⁵ and “the judgement was set

and the books were opened.” The word “books” is symbolic; God doesn’t need books to remind Him of anything. The word “books” is symbolic of the fact that God remembers the deeds of men so that He could render the proper judgement.

The Messianic Age

“I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him” (Daniel 7:13).

These visions are allegories like the beasts, which came out of the sea in Daniel 7:3. The four beasts, which came up out of the sea, were symbolic of nations; they were not actually live animals. The “son of man” is really the king Messiah of the Jews and this term is common in Jewish and Christian apocalyptic literature.²⁶ The above verse is not to be taken literally. The kingdoms of the four beasts came out of the stormy sea, (this symbolizes war and violence). But, in contrast, the kingdom of the son of man, the king Messiah, came with the clouds of heaven — is to say that his kingdom rose with the guidance and assistance of the God of heaven. The “son of man” came to the “Ancient of days”, this means that he came to the Eternal God. The Creator permitted him to come nearer because of his good deeds and spiritual values.

“And there was given to him dominion, and glory, and a Kingdom, that all people nations and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall never pass away, and his Kingdom that which shall not be destroyed” (Daniel 7:14).

After the destruction and neutralization of all the earthly kingdoms, the Creator will give to the king messiah a kingdom to rule over in truth, justice and peace.

“And the Kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the Kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High whose Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him”(Daniel 7:27).

This is the Kingdom of the Messianic era. “The people of the saints of the most High,” this means the righteous Israelites, they will be the core of this Divine Kingdom along with the pious gentiles who keep the commandments of God. As it is written: “Also the sons of strangers, that join themselves to the Lord, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants, everyone that keep the Sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my Covenant. Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer, ... for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people” (Isaiah 56:6-7).

Chapter V

Nostradamus on the Origin of Eastern Wars

Nostradamus, the French physician, astrologer and astronomer was born in 1503 and died in 1566. He made about a thousand predictions, many of them have come true and many others are yet for the future. Now, I shall explain some of Nostradamus predictions, which relate to the future. First of all, since many of his predictions are about Europe and the Middle East, I shall deal first with those areas and see how they harmonize with biblical prophecy.

“Rain, famine, war in Persia not over.
The too great a faith will betray the
monarch, Finish there begun in Gaul:
Secret sign for one to be moderate.”

I.70

The interpretation of this quatrain is clear to anyone who has at least watched television news from 1979 – 1985. It was the faith of Shiite Islam inculcated by the religious leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, of Persia now called Iran. If you can recall, it was from France (once called Gaul) that Khomeini advocated the overthrow of the monarch, the Shah of Iran. Because Khomeini preached strict Islam and there were massive demonstrations against the Shah, the Shah was forced to abdicate his throne in 1979. Civil war raged in Iran for many months. Then, all out war broke out between Iran and Iraq, which endured for eight years (1980 – 1988). Nostradamus named the countries and the events

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that transpired in the above quatrain and they all came true as he predicted. But, he said, “war in Persia, not over” there is more to come.

“The blue turban King shall enter into
Foix, and he will reign less than an
evolution of Saturn; Then, a white
turban King, his heart is banished to
Byzantium; Sun, Mars and Mercury
near Aquarius.”

IX. 73

The turban is a headdress worn by oriental people. A blue turban king will most likely gain leadership or conquer Foix, a city in south France. This leader will reign for less than a revolution of Saturn; this means that he will reign less than twenty nine and one half years, the length of time it takes Saturn to revolve around the sun. But, we don't know exactly how long he will reign. However, what we do know is that McCann¹ informed us that the planetary configuration of the Sun, Mars, and Mercury near Aquarius took place on Feb. 18, 1981. The blue head leader is most likely living now and probably has made a quiet social debut in certain circles around that time. It is interesting that the late leader of Iran, Khomeini wore a white turban and many of the succeeding top leaders did the same. Also, according to this quatrain, it seems to imply that the blue head leader will banish the white head leader to Byzantium, this is to say the area around Turkey. The next quatrain renders support to this position:

"The blue head will inflict upon the white head as much evil as France has done them good: Deed at the shipyard, the great one hung on the branch. The King will ask how many of his men have been captured."

II.2

Again, the white head leader was obvious Khomeini and all his successors, who wore white turbans. Khomeini lived in exile in France for many years and by implications it seem clear that the blue head leader will have had also, at least, part of his domicile in France, a nation hospitable to both. Moreover, it is obvious that civil war will break out between the blue head leader and the white head one, which will be very terrible. From where will they come?

"With fire and arms not far from the Black Sea. He will come from Persia to occupy Trebizond, Pharos, Mytilene to tremble, the Sun joyful, The Adriatic Sea covered with Arab blood."

V.27

Nostradamus sees Persia as the new aggressor in the world. In other quatrains, he refers to her as the barbarian empire. The nation of Iran is about two hundred miles from the Black Sea and, the city of Trebizond is located on this sea in Northeast Turkey. He, also, indicates that there will be fighting in such places as Mytilene, and Island off

Northwest Turkey. Pharos, near Alexander Egypt, and he says that much Arabic blood will be spilled in the Adriatic Sea, which is between Italy and Bosnia-Serbia. We need to watch Bosnia and the Balkans. World War I began in this area and Bosnia could become a Libyan or Iranian military outpost. "The sun joyful." This phrase could refer to the explosion of a nuclear bomb; this fireball appears like a rising sun. The phrase in its literal context doesn't make much sense, but it does in relation to an atomic explosion.

"Flambeau" will be seen in the sky at night near the end and beginning of the Rhone. Famine, sword the relief provided late, Persia turns to invade Macedonia."

II.96

In Nostradamus' prophesies, there are frequent references to attacks on various European cities by Persia. This is repeated over and over and over again, as if he is trying to impress on us the fact that these attacks will surely come to pass.

"Flambeau" will be seen in the sky". The French word "flambeau" means torch, candle, luminary or flame. So, it would be reasonable to say that a great fire will be seen in the skies over the Rhone River, which flows from Western Switzerland to Southern France. In this area there will be war; the sword is a symbol of war; and as a result of the war famine will pervade. Nostradamus goes on to tell us that help will be provided too late. At the same time, the Persians will again invade Macedonia, Greece. Take

notice! Greece is in the Balkans just South of Bosnia-Serbia.

The Arab Prince, mars, Sun, Venus,
Leo. The Kingdoms of the Church will
succumb by sea: Towards Persia very
nearly a million (men). The true
serpent will invade Turkey and Egypt."

V.25

Here, the prophet mentions again, he says, the "Arab Prince," (leader) the "true serpent" will invade Byzantium (Turkey) and Egypt. Many of the cities of Europe will succumb to the almost million Persians.

"France by neglect shall be assaulted on
five sides, Tunis and Algiers shall be
stirred up by the Persians, Leon, Seville,
Barcelona shall give way, for the
Venetians there will be no fleet."

I.73

Nostradamus seems to be telling us here that the African states of Tunisia, Algeria and possibly others will come under the influence of Persia. At the present time, the Algerian militants are waging a bloody civil war against the Western backed military regime that had curtailed elections.² It is highly likely that there will be a combined North African invasion of the Spanish Cities of Leon, Seville and Barcelona. In addition, because of negligence, France will be assaulted on five sides. The negligence of

France could result from her more than one million Arab world speakers who reside in France. President Jacque Chirac of France displayed this proclivity in the fall of 1996 when he visited the old city of Jerusalem and spoke to the Palestinian national Council.

"Leave, leave Geneva everyone of you
Saturn of gold will be changed to iron,
The contrary of the positive ray will
destroy all, Before it happen the heaven
shall show signs."

IX.44

Our prophet informs mankind to flee from Geneva, Switzerland because there will be an impending disaster. The word "raypoz" in French appears to be one of the anagrams commonly used by the prophet. In a simple definition an anagram is the reversal of the order of letters, words or phrases. Most top rated scholars on Nostradamus say that the word "raypoz" (positive ray) refers to atomic energy. Henry Roberts³ and others are of the opinion that "raypoz" refers to atomic energy. Nuclear explosions will strike various parts of Europe. But, before that happens there shall be signs in the skies.

"The year when Saturn and Mars are
equally fiery, The air is very dry
parched (lands) a long meteor: By
secret fire many places will be burned

with heat, Little rain, warm wind, wars,
incursions.”

IV.67

A long meteor or Halley’s comet was seen in early 1986 and many spacecrafts took photographs of it. Nostradamus called it a long comet because it emits gases and dust boiled off due to the heat of the sun. The emission of large quantities of gas and dust renders to it the appearance of having a long tail.

Nostradamus told us that when we see the comet – this is our warning that we are at the brink of universal catastrophe and that if we don’t take corrective measures to put our planet in order; then, we would be doomed to all kinds of mundane miseries. So far, we have witnessed the preliminary disasters and wars: floods, fires, starvation, and earthquakes in the United States and around the world, famine and wars in Somalia, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Haiti, Afghanistan, India, South America and Bosnia-Serbia. We cannot afford to maintain a policy of isolation and appeasement. This was the mistake of many Americans just before World Wars I and II. The British government deceived itself and appeased Hitler; and as a result, his armies ran rampant all over Europe and North Africa.

“In the country of Arabia Felix
There will be born one powerful in the
law of Mahomet to vex Spain, to
conquer Granada, And more by sea
against the Ligurian people.”

V.55

Arabia Felix is located in Southern Arabia, which is the level fertile part compared to the rest of the country. This person who will be powerful in the law of Mohammed will probably come from Arabia or from one of the other Arabic nations; such nations as Libya, Iraq, and Iran are high on this list. This person, according to the prophet, will conquer Granada, which is Southern Spain. Also, he will attack the Ligurian people with his naval forces. Ancient Liguria was located on the coastal area between Southern France and Northern Italy. These areas include such cities as Genoa, Milan, Nice, Toulon, and Monaco.

“I weep for Nice, Monaco, Pisa, Genoa,
Savona, Siena, Capua, Modena, Malta
for the above blood and sword for a
New Year’s gift, Fire, earthquake,
water, unhappy ending.”

X.60

Our prophet said that he weeps for these cities and provinces, which are located in Southern Europe, Nice, and Monaco is in Southern France; Genoa, Savona, Pisa, and Siena are in Northern Italy; Modena and Capua are in central Italy. Nostradamus tells us that there is going to be an earthquake and war in this area around the new year. The earthquakes many times cause widespread fires and even floods, especially near the coastline. According to Nostradamus war (sword) is possible before or after the earthquake. Do we have any idea when this earthquake will strike? The next quatrain gives us a clue.

“A very mighty trembling in the month of May, Saturn in Capricorn, Jupiter, and Mercury in Taurus: Venus also, Cancer, Mars in Virgo. Hail will fall larger than an egg.”

X.67

There is to be great “trembling in the month of May,” but what year? Nostradamus tells us that there is to take place a planetary conjunction of Saturn, Capricorn, Jupiter, and Mercury in the sign of Taurus. This planetary configuration, some experts tell us, will occur in 1998. A conjunction occurs when two or more planets meet or pass one another in the same degree of the Zodiac. This passing builds up strong energy that affects other planets.

In century X and quatrain 60, Nostradamus mentions water in combination with the earthquake. This water can be nothing but the tsunami or tidal waves that results from the earthquake. Experts on quakes have recorded tidal waves as high as twenty to thirty feet high hundreds of miles away from the epicentre of the earthquake. Another danger concerning an earthquake is that when land surface submerge or sink near river beds or oceans, this causes the violent rushing in of millions of gallons of water, which destroys businesses and residential areas, not to mention the lost of hundreds of thousands of lives.

War ravages all over Southern Europe, Spain, Turkey, Greece, Yugoslavia (Albania, Bosnia-Serbia), Switzerland, France Malta, Sicily, and even many cities in Italy. The Arab Federation attacks on two fronts, from North Africa

and from Turkey and Greece. When I consider the advance of the Arab armies and the cities they suppose to conquer, their principle target appears to be Italy.

The Destruction of Rome

“The great city will be very desolate, Not one of the inhabitants shall be left in it. Wall, sex, church, and virgin ravished by sword, fire, plague cannon, people shall die.”

III.84

The great city no doubt is Rome the capitol of Italy and the Church. No one will remain in the city; again we have the usage of the word sword, which represents war. A horrible devastation will befall this famous city. Furthermore, there is another quatrain that confirms this one.

“The great star will burn for seven days, The cloud will cause two suns to appear. The big mastiff will howl all night. When the great pontiff will change country.”

II.41

Nostradamus leads us to believe that the pontiff will leave Rome because of imminent danger of war. It is

apparent that the cloud and the suns that appear are nothing but the explosion of a nuclear device in the city of Rome. A mushroom cloud usually accompanies this type of explosion and when we observe the fireball it is said that a second sun appears. Consider this fact, Nostradamus called this explosion a "great star," no doubt, because he saw it coming out of the sky in the form of a falling star. The French didn't have the word "missile" in their vocabulary in the sixteenth century. Now, consider the next quatrain:

"After great trouble for humanity, a
greater one is prepared. The great
engine (technology) renews the ages.
Rain, blood, milk, famine, sword, and
plagues in the heavens fire seen, a long
spark running."

II.46

Let's consider the fourth line above. A "fire is seen" in the sky, a long spark running. This projectile in the sky can be nothing but a missile with an atomic warhead. The "long spark running" is the fuel burning at the rear of the missile. All these events are to take place at the time when the century renews and when there is a revolution in the advancement of motor technology. At this same time, there will be wars, famine, earthquakes, floods, plagues, and diseases on all side of the Mediterranean Sea, but the devastation does not end there. Nostradamus reveals to us that North America is also a target of an attack:

"Garden of the world near the new city,
In the path of the man made mountains
It will be seized and plunged into the
tub. Forced to drink water poisoned by
sulfur."

X.49

Could Nostradamus be referring to New York City? Many experts think so, but others think that he might be referring to a city in Italy, called Naples, which means new city. But, this is unlikely, because if he had Naples in mind, he would have mentioned it directly like he did when he mentioned Pisa, Modena, Genoa, and other cities in Italy. There is a battery of evidence to indicate that New York is our city in question. First of all, it is near New Jersey, which is nicknamed the Garden State. Secondly, the Palisade Park, which is like a huge garden is located on the Hudson River opposite of New York. The Palisade Interstate Park commission oversees 16 park units along this river. The largest unit is Harriman State Park (46,181 acres) which have facilities for hiking, swimming, fishing, boating, camping, picnicking, and skiing are available.⁴

Now, the path of the "man made mountains" is the colossal skyscraper across the river in Manhattan. In this area, the prophet tells us that a great disaster will happen, the people will be forced to drink water poisoned by sulfur. Could this poisoned water be caused by the fall out of an atomic explosion? Nostradamus gives the answer:

"At forty five degrees the sky will burn,
Fire to approach the great new city; in

an instant a great scattered flame shall
leap up, when one will want to demand
proof of the Normans.

VI.97

According to Nostradamus there will be a great explosion at a city near forty-five degrees latitude. Now, there are many cities around the world, which are located near forty-five degrees latitude. So, how can we ascertain the correct one? The prophet gives us several clues to consider. First of all, he refers to our city, in question, as the "New City". Let's remember that the prophet died in 1566 and tens of thousands of new cities have been constructed after his death. So Nostradamus isn't speaking about just any "new city." In view of this, he must have had a particular special city in mind! Furthermore, every "new city" that has been constructed doesn't have the word "new" in its name and the few that do for example; Newport, New Bedford, and New Haven, that are near the forty-fifth latitudes, are not really great cities. This leads us to Nostradamus' second clue:

He said, and I repeat... "Fire to approach the great new city." It is highly probable that the prophet is referring to the City of New York. Now, there are many other great cities on our planet, but they are not called new. Neither are they near the forty-fifth degrees latitude. Moreover, the great cities that were constructed before the birth of Nostradamus such as Rameses, Babylon, Carthage, Athens, and Rome are not new cities; hence, they must be cancelled out of consideration. Now, if the prophet had in mind New York City as "the great New City," what would be the

inherent qualities that would earn her this descriptive name, "great?"

"New York City is the center of world trade and finance, communications, art, entertainment, and fashion. The city is the world's financial capital (Wall Street and the banks) and holds the headquarters of many of the world's largest corporations. With the headquarters of the nation's television and radio networks and main offices of the largest advertising agencies, the city is the heart of the U.S. mass media. Printing and publishing are also of great importance, and most of the nation's major publishing houses are based in midtown Manhattan."

In addition, the city has some of the world's largest skyscrapers (man-made mountains) and has one of the world's largest populations. New York is a cosmopolitan city, a melting pot. The immigrants came to Ellis Island, south of Manhattan. And nearby the shore of Manhattan is the Statue of Liberty, a symbol of freedom to millions of immigrants. Only here in New York can every race come and find his brother, somewhere in the city. Here, in this city you will find representatives from every country sitting and negotiating at the UN Building. Yes, it looks like New York is the great new city. But wait! There is more to come. New York was the capitol of the U.S. 1785-90. George Washington accepted the oath of the president of the U.S. from Federal Hall, on Wall Street, in New York City. The State of New York received its name from the City of New York. The City of New York is situated between 40 and 45 degrees latitude. I would say the prophet's calculations are close to being accurate for a man who didn't have any maps of the New World. Another

interesting point is that the northern border of N.Y. State is fixed exactly on 45 degrees latitude! It is as if the city of New York grew and encompassed the entire state of New York. It is significant, also, that in 1896 the state legislature voted to establish the "Greater New York." Is this the "great new city" spoken of by Nostradamus? I'll let my readers be the judge. The prophet continues to say in line three of the same quatrain. "In an instant a great scattered flame shall leap up!" This reads like the detonation of a nuclear device, it happens instantaneously and emerges vertically.

Nostradamus has described a complete panorama of events, which include the destruction of various cities in Europe and probably a city in America by a federation of some Middle Eastern and north African states. In addition, he wrote about widespread famine, floods, earthquakes, pestilence, and water pollution. Now, in the wars that are approaching us, who will win? What position will Russia take? Who is the great serpent or beast, which Nostradamus wrote about? I shall attempt to answer these questions in the following quatrains and commentaries.

"One day the two great masters shall be friends, Their great powers shall be increased. The New land shall be in a flourishing condition. The number shall be told to the bloody person."

II.89

At the present time "the two great masters" of the world are the United States and Russia. In this first line of the quatrain, Russia is intended here, even though, she suffered Political and economic collapse after 1985, however, Russia will rebound and gain strength, as the next line assures us; "Their great powers shall be increased." The "New land" refers to America, which is in the New World. America will continue to prosper both in the economic and political sectors. When this alliance is cemented, the statistics of the war arsenal and troops will be communicated to the "Bloody Person." He is the king of the East who wares the turban.

I wrote over ten years ago, and in chapter three of this book (see *Desolation of the Soviet Union*) that Russia would be on the side of the Arab States. This still hold true today, but with some clarification. After 1898, a division developed in the Soviet Union. The North became Russia and the South (mostly Muslims) became the Commonwealth of Independent States. It is obviously C.I.S (the South) who will ultimately play a greater role in geo-politics with the Arab World. The North, Russia, I see playing the role of the fox. It is in her interest, I believe, to play both ends against the Middle. I see Russia continually extending her hand to the West; especially the United States; and at the same time, she will court the Arab world to obtain the dollars she so badly needs. By courting the Arab world, Russia anticipates to strengthen her bargaining position with the West. Although, Russia will most likely fluctuate in its policies between the East and West, ultimately, she will shift gears completely to the Camp of

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the United States. This probability is confirmed in another quatrain of Nostradamus:

“When those of the Arctic Poles shall be united together, Then shall be in the East great fear and trembling. One shall be newly elected that shall bear the brunt Rhodes, Constantinople, shall be dyed with Barbarian blood.

VI.21

The first line above could only apply to the United States and Russia. Both of these countries touch the Arctic Poles; this includes Alaska, which is a part of the U.S. Remember the previous quatrain, “the two great Masters shall be friends” – the U.S. and Russia. After more than forty-five years of the Cold War, Russia and the U.S. shall be united against the king of the East and when the oriental king hears of this unity he will tremble in fear. The newly elected one probably refers to the leader of the revived Roman Empire of Western Europe. The West will win and the area around Byzantium and Rhode (the Island near Southwest Turkey) will be stained with oriental blood. Nostradamus continues again:

“Then the Lords of Aquilon (French for the North), two in number, will be victorious over the Easterners, and so great a noise and bellicose tumult will they make among them that all the East will tremble in terror of these two

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brothers, yet not brothers, Of Aquilon”
(the North).

Epistle, parag.38

The two brothers mentioned above who are not “yet brothers” are the U.S. and Russia. Nostradamus alludes to these brothers in unity time and time again, as if he is emphasizing to us the fact that this alliance will surely be established. At times when I think that the prophet has proven his point, he renders us more information:

“Like a griffin will come the King of Europe. Accompanied by those of Aquilon. He will lead a great troop of red ones and white ones, and they will go against the King Babylon.”

X.86

The griffin is a mythical beast having the head, front parts, and wings of an eagle, and body, hind legs, and tail of a lion. The prophet compares the leader of Western Europe to this grotesque gruesome beast. The lion is suppose to be the king of the jungle and the eagle is suppose to be the lord of the skies. This beast in combination is therefore most awesome. Is Nostradamus trying to tell us that the military force of this king will control the earth and master the skies with supersonic deadly striking forces? It is clear that the king of Europe is accompanied by the military force of Aquilon. The king will lead a force of white ones (Westerners) and red ones

(Russians) and this combine military force will launch a retaliating strike against the king of Babylon. The king of Babylon is the person that governs Iraq and other surrounding countries. According to Nostradamus, the following will be the defeat of the king of Babylon and his allies:

“For hear upon the principle Eastern Chief will be vanquished by the Northerners and Westerners, and most of his people, stirred up, will be put to death, overwhelmed or scattered. His children, the off springs of many women will be imprisoned.”

Epistle 36

Years 1997 – 1999

I mentioned earlier that there, must likely, would be some kind of military action or discussion of military action, token by some governments, at least by late 1997. I mentioned this fact because I saw this in one of my dreams. In another dream that I had on May 28, 1993, the U.S. became involved in a military conflict with a third world nation and Communist China came into the war against America. Then ex-President Bush rushed to the White House to advise President Clinton. This dream could be

interpreted in the literal sense or it could be symbolic. If the dream is symbolic, it could mean that the U.S., in the near future, might be threatening to attack another nation and China hears about it and then threatens the U.S. I didn't receive a date that this dream would take place, but I have the feeling that it will not be far away. Now, I shall continue with other prophecies that deal with the end of our century.

“Plague, famine, death by military hand. The century approaches its renewal.”

I.16

I quote only the last two quatrains here because I dealt with this quatrain previously. Many metaphysicians and clairvoyants predicted that there would be wars, famine, earth quakes, and plagues at the turn of this century particularly around the year 1999 and beyond.⁶ We have another quatrain that supports the one above.

“In the year 1999, seventh month, from the skies, will come a great King of Terror. To bring back to life the great King of the Mongols, before and after Mars to reign by good luck.”

X.72

Here it is again, the year 1999, at the turn of the century, the great king of the East shall invade. Before and after this date, the planet Mars shall reign supreme. In